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In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes I hereby transmit the Fourteenth *Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts*, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and present process required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Systems Division. Among court officials, the principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. Without the daily, responsible work of clerk personnel across the State, this report would not have been possible.

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Director

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PART I

THE 1979-1980 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

THE 1979-80 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1979 and ended June 30, 1980.

The Workload of the Courts

During 1979-80 there were some substantial increases in the workload of North Carolina's courts, at both the appellate and trial court levels. As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, filings in the Supreme Court increased by 29% to 243 cases filed during the Court's fall 1979 and Spring 1980 terms, compared with 188 cases during the Fall 1978 and Spring 1979 terms. There was a substantial increase in the number of opinions filed by the Court: from 162 rendered in 1978-79 to 193 in 1979-80, an increase of 19%. Petitions docketed in the Court rose 23.6% (from 499 in 1978-79 to 617 in 1979-80), and there was a 10.8% increase in the number of petitions allowed by the Court (65 in 1978-79, 72 in 1979-80).

In the Court of Appeals, filings in calendar year 1979 rose to 1,204 cases, an increase of 2.5% over 1978 filings of 1,174 cases. There was a corresponding rise in case dispositions: from 1,133 cases disposed in 1978 to 1,190 in 1979, an increase of 5.0%. Petitions filed in the Court rose from 351 in 1978 to 532 in 1979, a 52% increase. (Petitions as counted here are largely comprised of requests for extraordinary remedies. Data is reported from the Court of Appeals on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year basis.)

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II.)

In the superior courts, filings of both civil and criminal cases increased by 9.1% to a total of 74,899 cases filed in 1979-80 (compared with 68,625 cases filed in 1978-79). Superior court case dispositions also rose, to a total of 72,983 civil and criminal cases disposed of in 1979-80 — 10.7% higher than the 1978-79 total of 65,911 cases disposed of. But though dispositions increased at a slightly faster rate than filings, there were more cases filed in superior courts in 1979-80 than were disposed of, and the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year (31,356) rose six percent to a total of 33,272 cases pending in the superior courts by the end of the year. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*; detailed data on the caseloads in the 100 counties and 33 judicial districts are presented in Part IV.

The increase in cases filed in North Carolina's district courts was a small one in 1979-80. Total filings of civil and criminal cases rose from 1,432,067 in 1978-79 to 1,458,647 in 1979-80, an increase of less than two percent. Dispositions also rose, although at a slower rate: from 1,402,518 in 1978-79 to 1,415,924 in 1979-80, an increase of just under one percent. The net result was a substantial increase in the number of civil and criminal cases pending in the district courts. Total cases pending rose from 200,316 pending on July 1, 1979 to 243,039 pending on June 30, 1980; this represents an increase of 21.%

The small increase in the combined (civil and criminal) total of district court case filings results from two conflicting trends. Filings of district court civil cases continued to rise sharply: the 1979-80 total (315,867 cases) is thirteen percent above the previous year's (279,548), which was in turn about six percent higher than the total for 1978. Filings of district court civil cases have more than doubled since 1972. On the other hand, filings of district court criminal cases decreased for the second year in a row. Again filings of traffic cases were lower in 1979-80 than they were in 1978-79: the total dropped from 796,227 cases filed in 1978-79 to 777,264 filed in 1979-80. This decrease more than offset a small increase in the numbers of other district court criminal cases filed.

Whether the numbers of traffic cases brought to North Carolina's courts will continue to decline in the future is, of course, difficult to say. The reduced numbers in the past two reporting periods are probably related to changes in automobile owners' driving habits — changes which are also reflected in recently reported decreases in State gasoline tax revenues. It seems likely that higher gasoline prices are prompting private automobile owners to drive less than they would otherwise, and at lower speeds.

The possible implications of these trends for the court system are potentially profound. Although it may appear that the demand for judicial resources is not increasing at a very drastic rate because the sharp rise in civil case filings is numerically diminished by decreases in traffic case filings, more civil cases than criminal cases require a hearing or trial by a judge or magistrate. In 1979-80 almost six out of every ten traffic cases disposed of were disposed of by the defendant's waiver of appearance and plea of guilty before a magistrate or clerk of superior court staff — a procedure which requires a minimum of time and effort. Most civil cases, on the other hand, go to trial before a magistrate (about 60% of the total disposed of in 1979-80) or a judge (an additional 21%) or both. In terms of the demand for the court system's resources, then, there is no easy equivalence between a decrease in traffic case filings and an increase in civil case filings or other criminal case filings.

Legislative Highlights

Expansion of Public Defender System

The 1979 General Assembly in its second ("short") 1980 session voted to extend the State's public defender system — now operative in five districts — into the Third Judicial District effective January 1, 1981. Like four of the other five public defenders, the new public defender will be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees drawn up by members of the district bar, and he or she will serve a four-year term.

Presumptive Sentencing Law

The "Fair Sentencing Act" of the 1979 General Assembly (passed in the first, 1979, session) was amended in the second, 1980, session. In addition to some clarifying amendments relating to the effect on an offender's sentence of previous felony convictions, the effective date of the Act was changed from July 1, 1980 to March 1, 1981.

Speedy Trial Law

Present North Carolina law provides that trial of a criminal case must begin within 120 days of the filing of the case, with certain periods of excusable or justifiable delay excluded by the statute. The 120-day limit was to have been reduced to 90 days as of October 1, 1980 under the law as originally enacted by the 1977 General Assembly. In the 1980 session, the imposition of the 90-day limit was changed to an effective date of October 1, 1981; until that date, the present 120-day limit will remain in effect.

Misdemeanor Appeals

A defendant convicted of a misdemeanor in North Carolina's district courts (where no trial by jury is available in criminal matters) has the right to appeal the judgment to the superior court for trial *de novo*. Previously existing law specifies that the superior court obtains the same jurisdiction over the appealing defendant that the district court had. Amendment to these statutes in the 1980 legislative session provides that when the conviction in district court resulted from a plea arrangement between the defendant and the State, one effect of which was the dismissal, reduction or modification of the original misdemeanor charges, the superior court has jurisdiction "to try those charges in the form and to the extent that they subsisted in the district court immediately prior to entry of the defendant and the State of the Plea arrangement."

Court Studies

The General Assembly established in its 1980 session a Juvenile Law Study Commission to make continuing studies of statutory and case law relating to juveniles, of services available to juveniles and their families, and of any other matter the Commission considers "of importance to state consideration of juveniles." There are to be fifteen members of the Commission, eleven to be appointed by the Governor and two each to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Of the eleven gubernatorial appointees, two must be district court judges and three must be court counselors. (Court counselors are Judicial Department employees who provide intake/screening functions and probation and parole supervision for the juveniles within the jurisdiction of the district courts.) Reports from the Commission are to be submitted by the first date of each full legislative session.

The 1980 legislative session directed the North Carolina Courts Commission to consider the salaries now paid to assistant district attorneys, to develop recommendations for a salary schedule for these personnel, and to report to the 1981 General Assembly on this topic by March 1, 1981. The General Assembly also included in Chapter 1221 of its *Session Laws* a statement of its "understanding" that the Courts Commission is authorized to "make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel, *including the office of the public defender*, of the Judicial Department . . ." The listed study-topics, with the exception of the explicit reference to public defenders, were included in the statutes which re-established the Courts Commission in 1979 (G.S. 7A-506, *et seq.*).

The General Assembly in 1980 also directed the Administrative Office of the Courts to study the implementation of the statute (G.S. 7A-289.32) which permits termination of parental rights if a parent is mentally retarded or mentally ill and cannot provide care for his or her child. The report is due to the 1981 General Assembly by May 1, 1981, with a supplemental report due by May 1, 1982.

Appropriations

Modifications of the two-year budget for 1979-81 provided additional appropriations for:

- — increased costs for representation of indigents;
- — additional magistrate positions authorized in Mecklenburg and Stokes Counties;
- — additional assistant district attorney positions authorized in Districts 7, 13 and 16;
- — additional secretarial positions in the district attorneys' offices in Districts 3 and 7;
- — additional deputy clerk of court positions in 17 different counties;
- — reimbursement for superior court judges' travel costs (previously covered by the judges' annual subsistence allowance); and
- — a 10% pay increase for Judicial Department personnel — comparable to the pay increase provided other State employees.

THE 1979-80 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Remaining Parts of Annual Report

More detailed information on the work of the Judicial Department in the 1979-80 fiscal year is included in the remaining three parts of this *Report*. Part II contains a brief history of the court system and a description of the present system, with each of the several components described and summary information provided on operations in 1979-80.

Information on the Judicial Department's financial and personnel resources is set out in Part III of this *Annual Report*. Included is: information on appropriations from the General Fund for operating expenses in 1979-80, compared with appropriations in previous years and appropriations trends for the operating expenses of all State government departments and agencies; information on expenditures in the several budget categories, with comparative information on previous years' expeditures; information on Judicial Department revenues from its several sources, and the distribution of those revenues; a section on the costs of the indigent representation program, including a county-by-county table on numbers of cases and payments for assigned private counsel for indigents; and a table showing the Judicial Department personnel categories and salary ranges for the 1979-80 fiscal year.

The great volume of data on the flow of cases through the two trial court divisions — with data broken down into several cases categories and presented for each of the 100 counties — is presented in Part IV.

PART II

COURT SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

- Historical Development of Court System
- Present Court System
- Organization and Operations in 1979-80

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature," which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactments were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court or Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime." The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 24 solicitorial districts. The 40 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a $50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th Century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier

General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th Century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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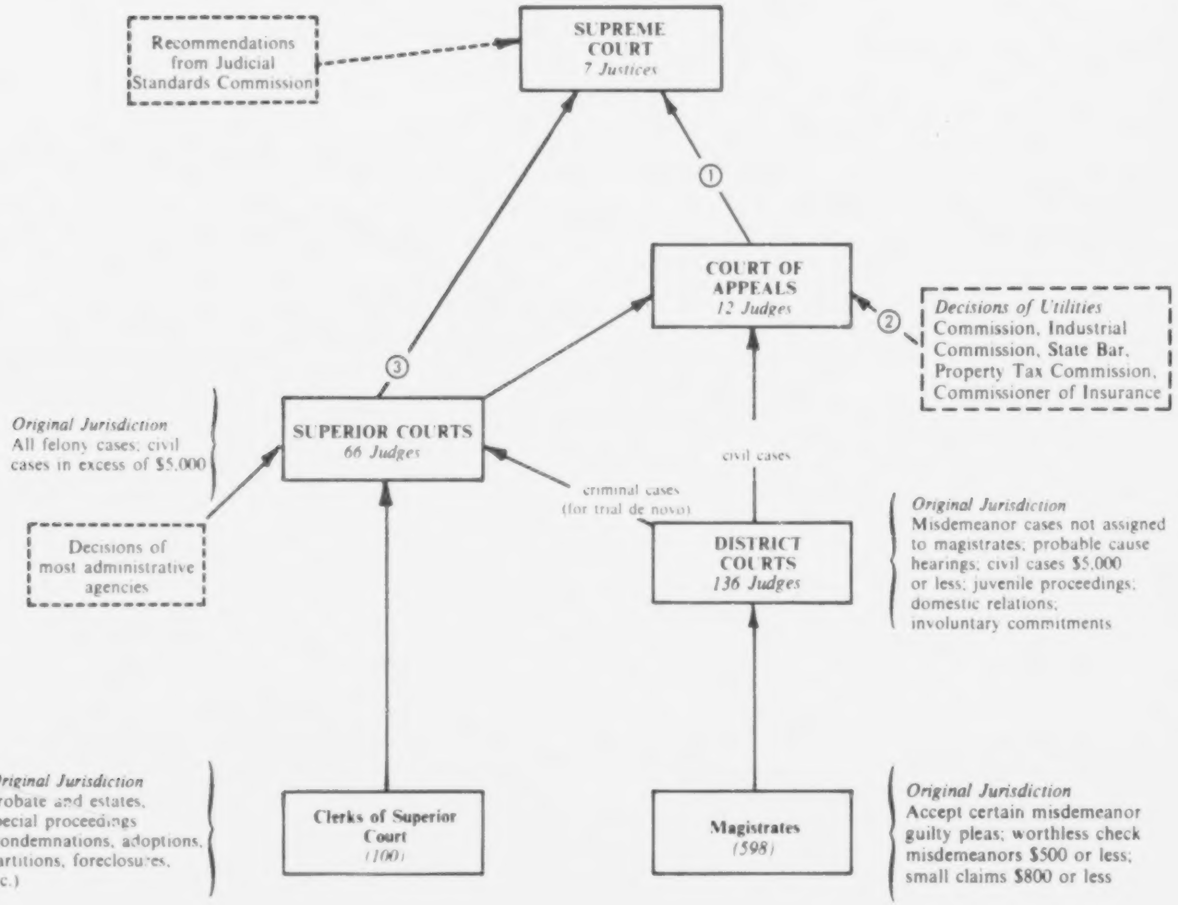
THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal


Recommendations from Judicial Standards Commission
SUPREME COURT
7 Justices
①
COURT OF APPEALS
12 Judges
②
Decisions of Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, State Bar, Property Tax Commission, Commissioner of Insurance
③
Original Jurisdiction
All felony cases; civil cases in excess of $5,000
SUPERIOR COURTS
66 Judges
civil cases
criminal cases (for trial de novo)
Decisions of most administrative agencies
DISTRICT COURTS
136 Judges
Original Jurisdiction
Misdemeanor cases not assigned to magistrates; probable cause hearings; civil cases $5,000 or less; juvenile proceedings; domestic relations; involuntary commitments
Original Jurisdiction
Probate and estates, special proceedings (condemnations, adoptions, partitions, foreclosures, etc.)
Clerks of Superior Court
(100)
Magistrates
(598)
Original Jurisdiction
Accept certain misdemeanor guilty pleas; worthless check misdemeanors $500 or less; small claims $800 or less

(1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.

(2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.

(3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (33 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are coterminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and general civil cases where the amount in litigation is $5,000 or less. If the amount in litigation is $800* or less and the plantiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount of litigation is more than $5,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice" (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

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* Increased from $500 effective October 1, 1979 (G.S. 7A-210).

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

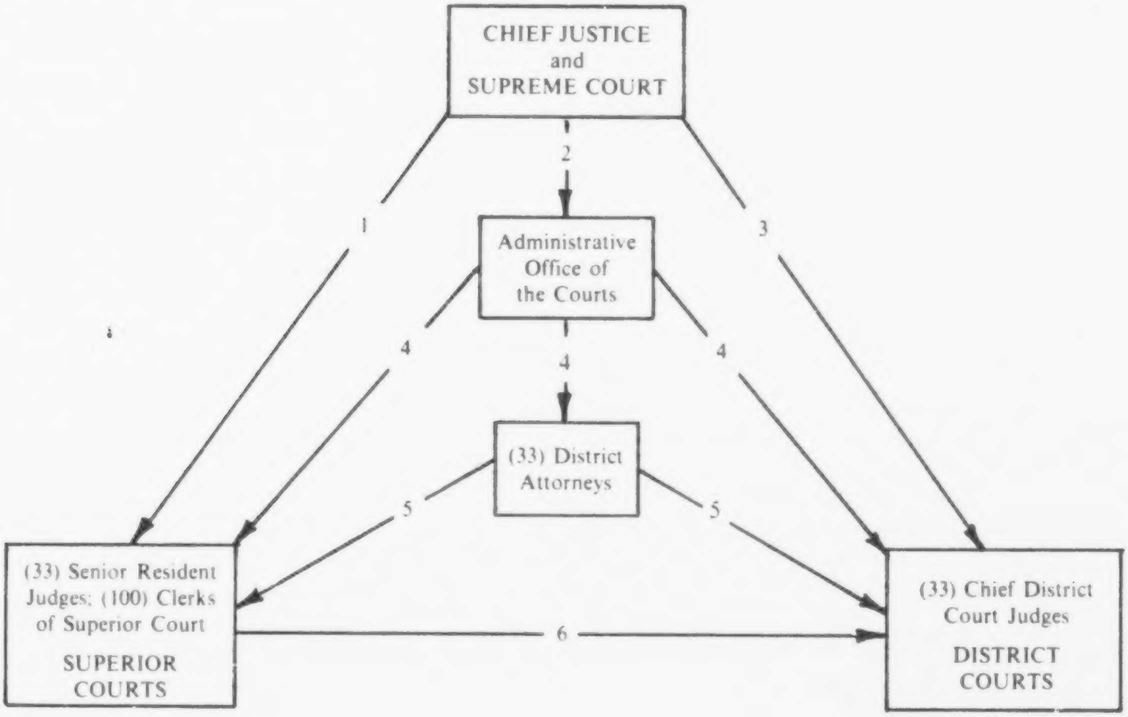
The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for each of the State's 33 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have special responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, as well as general local-level administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of the non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel direction, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provision of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Through 1979-80, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees have been eliminated; in the future, day-to-day calendaring of civil cases will be done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the direct supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts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of Superior Court
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COURTS
(33) Chief District
Court Judges
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[1] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

[2] The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

[3] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 33 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

[4] The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

[5] The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

[6] In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA[1]

Chief Justice
JOSEPH BRANCH

Associate Justices

J. FRANK HUSKINS
J. WILLIAM COPELAND
JAMES G. EXUM, JR.

DAVID M. BRITT
WALTER E. BROCK
J. PHIL CARLTON

Retired Chief Justices
WILLIAM H. BOBBITT
SUSIE SHARP

Retired Justices

J. WILL PLESS, JR.
CARLISLE W. HIGGINS[2]

I. BEVERLY LAKE
DAN K. MOORE

Clerk
John R. Morgan

Librarian
Frances H. Hall

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[1] As of 30 June 1980.
[2] Deceased 9 October 1980.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Supreme Court

At the apex of the General Court of Justice is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases appealed from the lower courts. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by popular vote. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court sits only *en banc*.

Jurisdiction

The only original jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is over the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- — cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (Utilities Commission general rate-setting cases, cases involving substantial constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- — criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment);
- — civil cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population); and
- — cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause substantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. Most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice for the Appellate Division and supplementary rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions consistent with the rules prescribed by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved, yearly, by the Supreme Court. The members of the North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Supreme Court, as are the Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court, and the Appellate Division Reporter.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at his pleasure. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the judges in each of the State's 33 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice (or another member of the Supreme Court designated by him) is the chairman of the Judicial Council, and two superior court judges, one district court judge and two district attorneys are appointed to two-year terms on the Council by the Chief Justice. He also appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission — a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

Operations of the Court, 1979-80

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1979-80 fiscal year amounted to $1,185,967, an increase of one percent over total 1978-79 expenditures of $1,173,674. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1979-80 constituted 1.7% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

A total of 262 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the Fall 1979 and Spring 1980 terms. A total of 193 cases were decided (with published opinions). The remainder were either withdrawn by the appellates, dismissed, or were still pending in the Court at the end of the Spring 1980 term. A detailed breakdown of this caseload is included in the tables on the following page.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Supreme Court Caseload Inventory*
September 4, 1979 — September 2, 1980

Cases undecided and brought forward from Spring 1979 term	6
Cases unheard and brought forward from Spring 1979 term	13
Cases filed during Fall 1979 term	123
Cases filed during Spring 1980 term	120
Caseload for 1979-80 year	**262**
Cases withdrawn or dismissed	19
Cases decided during Fall 1979 term	84
Cases decided during Spring 1980 term	109
Cases carried forward to Fall 1980 term	24

* Beginning and end pending figures do not balance when cases filed and disposed of during the reporting period are taken into account. During the past several terms the Court underwent a period of experimentation and evaluation in its method of statistical reporting, including changes in the classification of cases. These classification changes, coupled with summary (one-time, cumulative) counting, appear to have introduced some double counting into the caseload inventory figures. Limited resources prevented a total case-by-case examination to isolate the error factor. On the other hand, the new classification and counting structure is designed to improve the long-term accuracy and comprehensiveness of reported statistics, and future reporting periods should not encounter difficulty in reconciling beginning and end pending caseload figures.

Cases Filed In The Supreme Court
September 4, 1979 — September 2, 1980

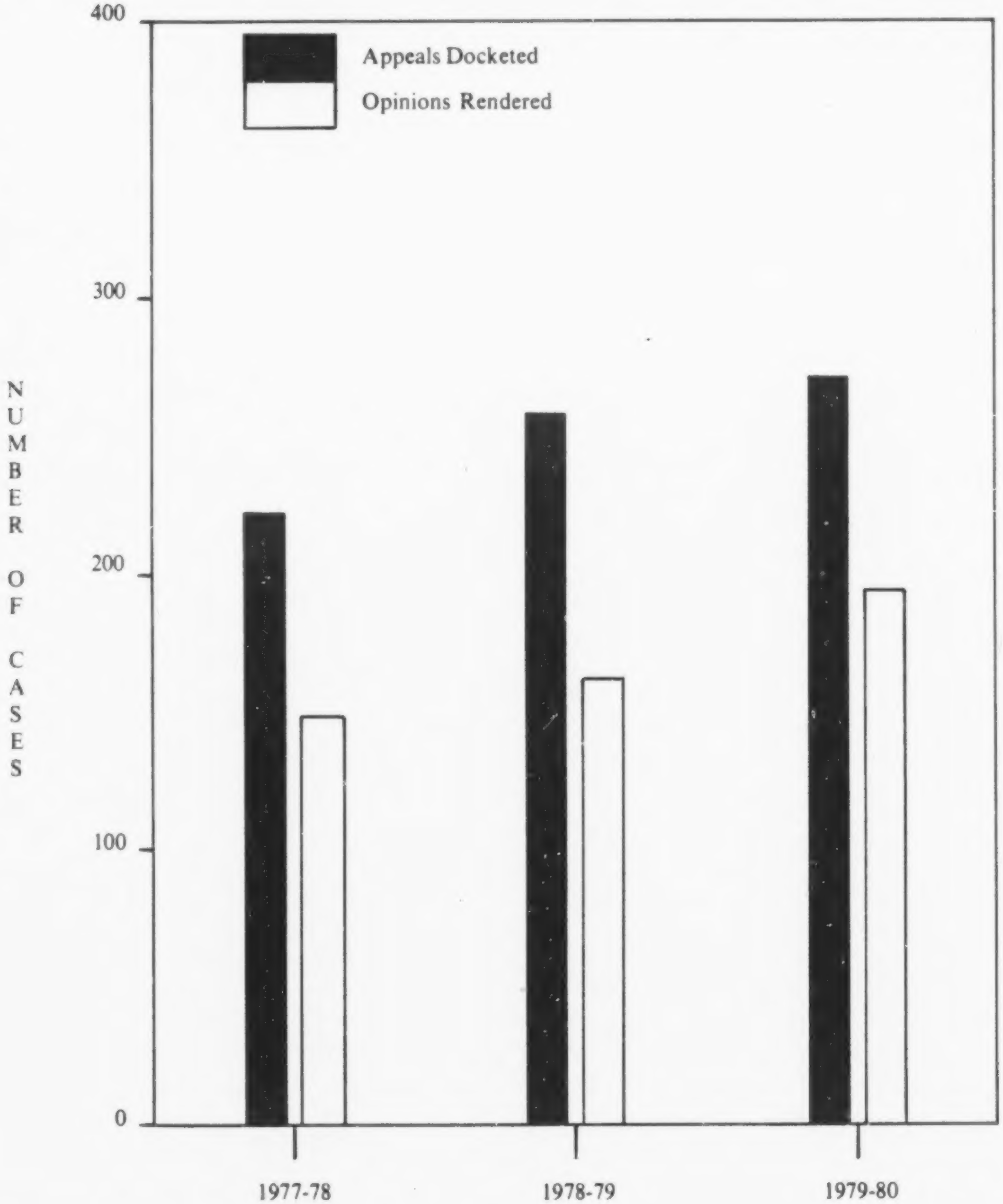
CIVIL CASES	
Appeals as of right	
Dissent in the Court of Appeals	38
Annexation by municipality of 5,000 or more population	1
Requests to appeal granted	
Substantial constitutional question	11
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	37
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	8
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	5
Certified to U.S. Supreme Court	1
CRIMINAL CASES	
Appeals as of right	
Defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	96
Defendant sentenced to death	12
Dissent in the Court of Appeals	7
Requests to appeal granted	
Substantial constitutional question	10
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	9
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	1
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	6
Defendant sentenced to less than life imprisonment (transferred to Court of Appeals)	1
TOTAL	243

Manner Of Disposition Of Cases In The Supreme Court
September 4, 1979 — September 2, 1980

Opinions rendered, civil	87
Opinions rendered, criminal	106
Total opinions rendered	**193**
Affirmed	106
Reversed	49
Reversed and remanded	22
Remanded	15
Granted/denied	0/1
Dismissed/withdrawn/settled	19

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Appeals Docketed and Opinions Rendered in the Supreme Court



The number of opinions written by the Supreme Court during the 1979-80 year shows a substantial increase over the number written in previous years. Of the 193 opinions written during the last year, 54.9% of these affirmed the decision of a lower court; 25.4% were reversals.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Supreme Court

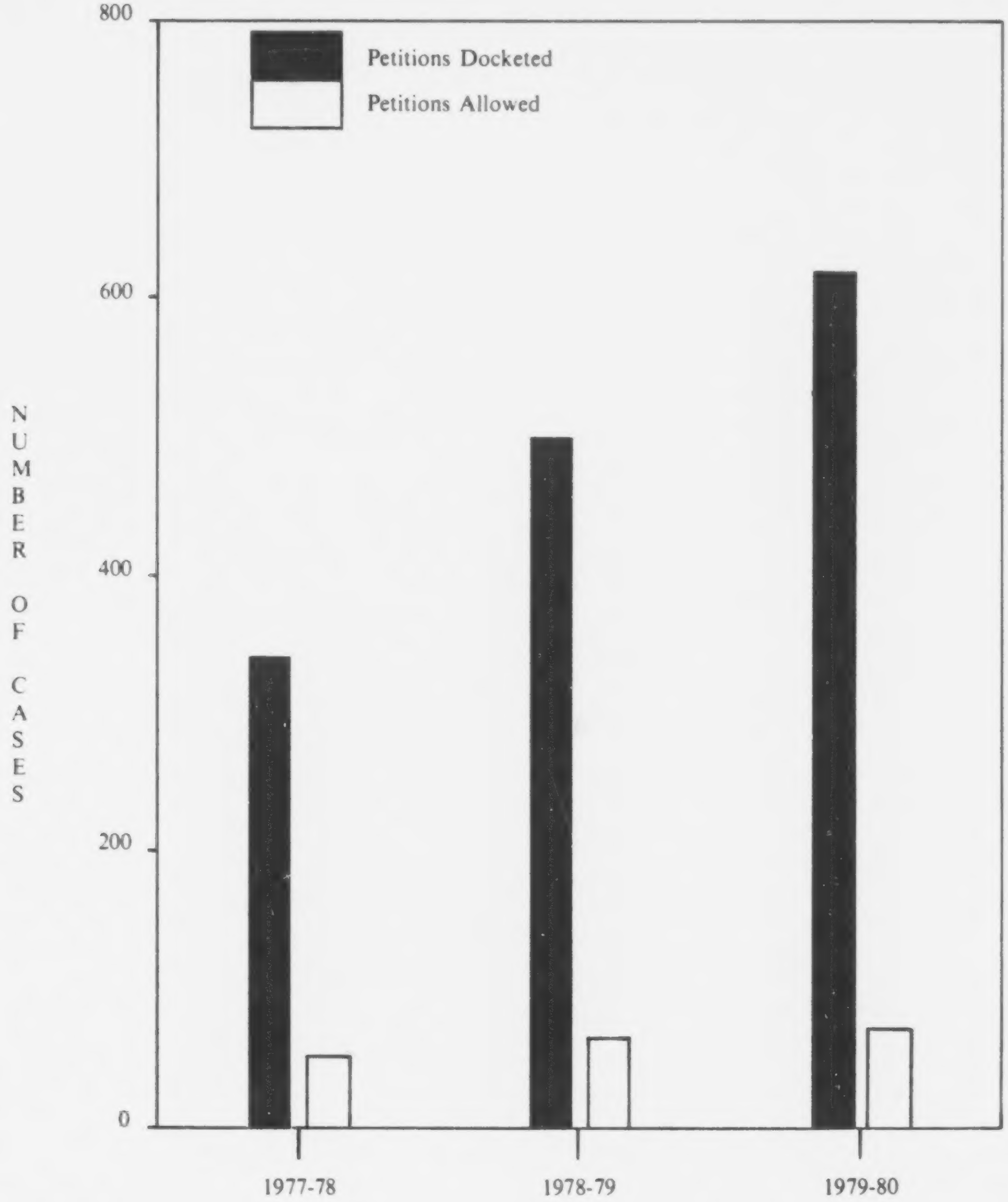
The Supreme Court's workload also includes petitions requesting discretionary review or certiorari and petitions for issuance of other remedial writs. A total of 617 such petitions were before the Court in the Fall 1979 and Spring 1980 terms; the vast majority of these were requests to appeal. The total of 617 petitions docketed is an increase of 24% over the total of 499 such petitions in the previous two terms (Fall 1978 and Spring 1979) and of 81% over the Fall 1977 and Spring 1978 total of 341 petitions.

Petitions Filed In The Supreme Court
September 4, 1979 — September 2, 1980

Requests to Appeal	
CIVIL CASES	
Petitions for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals	282
Petitions for discretionary review prior to decision of Court of Appeals	13
Petitions for writ of certiorari	20
Applications for further review	49
Civil Case Total	364
CRIMINAL CASES	
Petitions for discretionary review of Court of Appeals	112
Petitions for discretionary review prior to decision of Court of Appeals	2
Petitions for writ of certiorari	118
Petitions for writ of habeas corpus	8
Criminal Case Total	240
Total Requests to Appeal	604
Petitions for Other Writs	13
TOTAL	617
Other motions considered	167

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Petitions Docketed and Allowed
In the Supreme Court



The number of petitions graphed here includes request to appeal cases as well as extraordinary writs. The 72 petitions allowed during the 1979-80 year included 60 for discretionary review of a decision of the Court of Appeals, eight for discretionary review prior to a decision of the Court of Appeals, and four for certiorari.

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Judge
NAOMI E. MORRIS

Judges

FRANK M. PARKER[1]
R. A. HEDRICK
EARL W. VAUGHN
ROBERT M. MARTIN
EDWARD B. CLARK
GERALD ARNOLD
JOHN WEBB
RICHARD C. ERWIN
HARRY C. MARTIN
HUGH A. WELLS
CECIL J. HILL

Retired Judge
HUGH B. CAMPBELL

Clerk
FRANCIS E. DAIL

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* As of 30 June 1980.

[1] Retired 31 August 1980. Judge Willis P. Whichard was appointed to the Court effective September 2, 1980.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Court of Appeals

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Justice responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

The Chief Judge (or another member of the Court of Appeals designated by the Chief Judge) is an *ex officio* member of the Judicial Council. One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from any final order or decision of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Industrial Commission, and from certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar and the Commissioner of Insurance. Effective September 1, 1979, appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission go directly to the Court of Appeals. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

Expenses of the Court, 1979-80

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1979-80 fiscal year totalled $1,641,918, an increase of 10.5% over 1978-79 expenditures of $1,485,877. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1979-80 amounted to 2.3% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1978-79 fiscal year.

Case Data, Calendar Year 1979

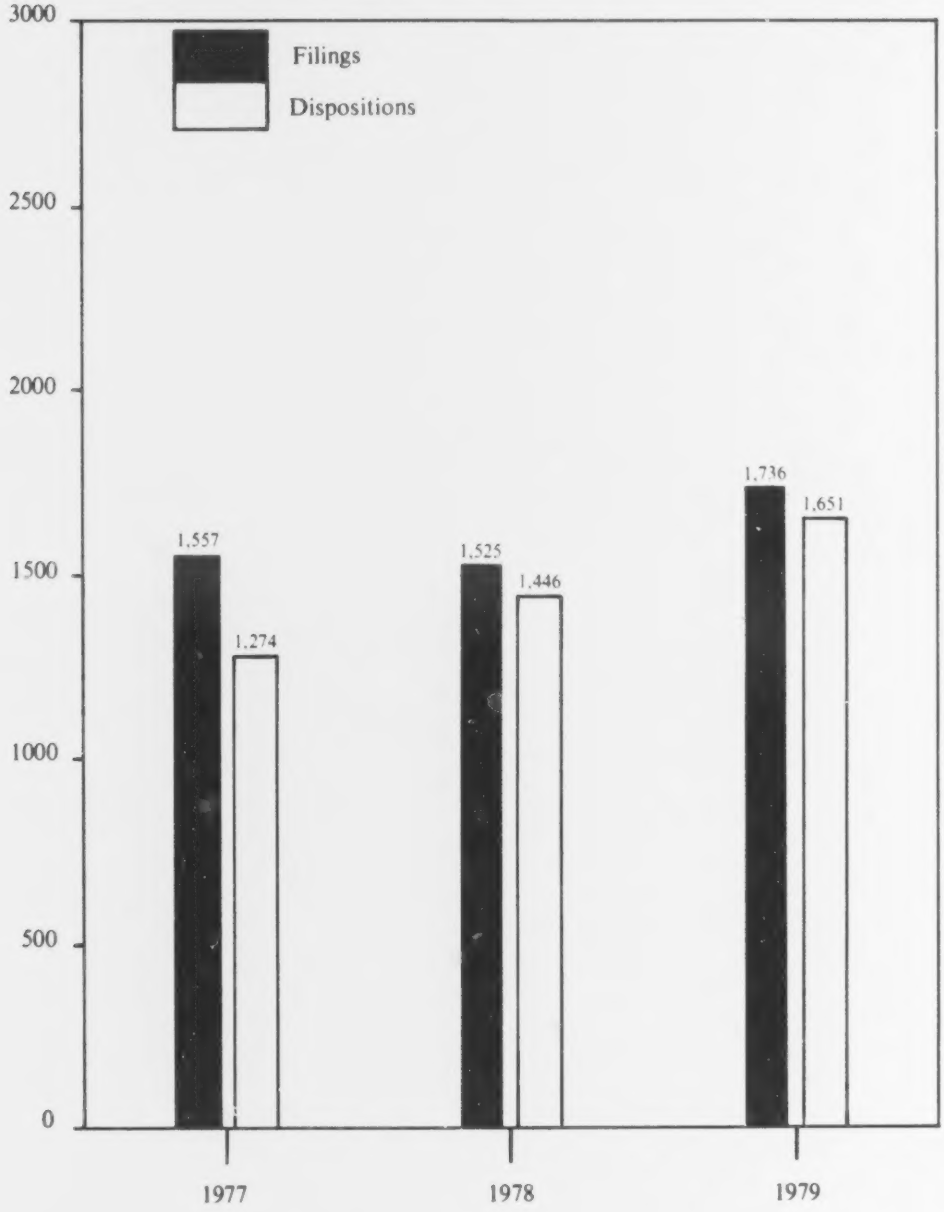
A total of 1,204 appealed cases were before the Court of Appeals during *calendar year* 1979. A total of 1,190 cases were disposed during the same period. A detailed breakdown of this caseload is included in the tables on the following pages.

The Court of Appeals' workload for 1979 also included 532 petitions of all types; of these, requests for extraordinary remedies (prerogative writs) make up the vast majority.

The recent trend in filings and dispositions by the Court of Appeals is illustrated in the following graph. In reviewing the data, it should be noted that the number of judges on the Court was raised from nine to twelve by the 1977 General Assembly; the three judges appointed to these new positions took office in December of 1977 and January of 1978.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Filings and Dispositions in the Court of Appeals 1977-1979



Filings and dispositions in the Court of Appeals, as graphed here, include appeal cases and petitions filed and disposed. The noticeable increase in filings and dispositons in 1979 is explained almost entirely by an increase in the number of petitions filed and disposed. This increase does not necessarily indicate that more requests to appeal are entering the court, however, since the term "petitions" in this instance includes *all* petitions regardless of type.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Filings And Dispositions In The Court Of Appeals
January 1 — December 31, 1979

	Filings	Dispositions
Cases on appeal		
Civil cases appealed from District Courts	223	
Civil cases appealed from Superior Courts	439	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	47	
Criminal cases appealed from Superior Courts	495	
TOTAL	1,204	1,190
Petitions		
Allowed		54
Remanded		6
Denied		400
Other		1
TOTAL	532	461
TOTAL CASES ON APPEAL AND PETITIONS	1,736	1,651
Motions		
Allowed		818
Remanded		3
Denied		207
TOTAL	1,183	1,028

INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1 — December 31, 1979

		Cases Filed					
	District	Appeals from District Courts	Appeals from Superior Courts		Other Appeals	Total Filed	Cases Disposed of
			Civil	Criminal			
First Division	1	5	8	10	0	23	31
	2	2	8	13	0	23	13
	3	5	19	18	0	42	39
	4	6	10	22	0	38	36
	5	7	9	18	0	34	31
	6	2	12	7	0	21	22
	7	3	11	17	0	31	31
	8	12	16	25	0	53	43
Second Division	9	10	4	9	0	23	25
	10	11	64	24	47	146	139
	11	8	11	7	0	26	21
	12	10	7	46	0	63	46
	13	5	4	3	0	12	19
	14	6	15	10	0	31	45
	15 A/B*	6	18	21	0	45	38
	16	3	4	12	0	19	24
Third Division	17	7	6	17	0	30	25
	18	14	20	31	0	65	74
	19 A/B*	7	16	15	0	38	39
	20	4	18	19	0	41	41
	21	17	22	26	0	65	63
	22	2	11	7	0	20	27
	23	5	20	11	0	36	30
Fourth Division	24	1	6	9	0	16	14
	25	6	16	15	0	37	48
	26	29	38	42	0	109	117
	27 A/B*	7	12	18	0	37	35
	28	12	14	9	0	35	34
	29	5	13	12	0	30	22
	30	6	7	2	0	15	18
	Total	**223**	**439**	**495**	**47**	**1,204**	**1,190**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

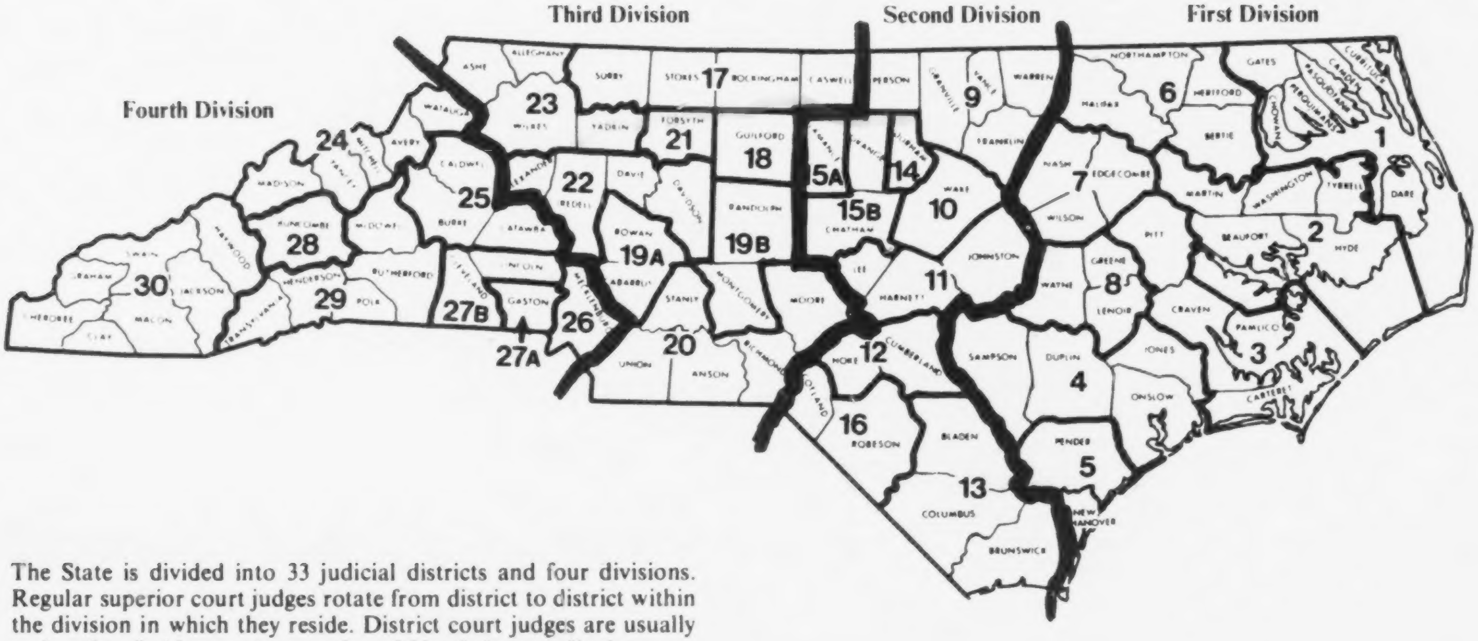
INVENTORY OF PETITIONS AND MOTIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1 — December 31, 1979

		Petitions				Motions				Other	All Petitions and Motions	
	District	Filed	Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Filed	Allowed	Denied	Remanded		Filed	Disposed of
First Division	1	15	3	9	1	19	13	3	0	1	34	30
	2	4	0	4	0	27	19	4	0	0	31	27
	3	17	0	12	0	51	29	11	0	0	68	52
	4	20	0	18	0	31	26	4	0	0	51	48
	5	26	2	18	1	39	24	8	0	0	65	53
	6	13	0	12	1	32	25	7	0	0	45	45
	7	17	0	16	0	35	27	4	0	0	52	47
	8	18	2	15	9	24	15	5	0	0	42	38
Second Division	9	12	2	8	0	31	23	5	0	0	43	38
	10	63	11	40	0	148	108	22	0	0	211	181
	11	4	2	2	0	29	15	8	0	0	33	27
	12	29	3	24	0	41	26	10	1	0	70	64
	13	8	0	6	0	10	9	1	0	0	18	16
	14	22	2	18	1	57	37	13	0	0	79	71
	15 A/B*	9	2	5	0	48	32	11	0	0	57	50
	16	20	2	17	0	21	17	2	1	0	41	39
Third Division	17	13	2	10	0	26	22	4	0	0	39	38
	18	30	6	20	1	76	51	11	0	0	106	89
	19 A/B*	17	3	10	1	22	14	5	0	0	39	33
	20	27	2	24	0	23	14	6	0	0	50	46
	21	18	2	14	0	57	40	12	0	0	75	68
	22	14	1	11	0	17	13	2	0	0	31	27
	23	5	0	5	0	32	27	2	0	0	37	34
Fourth Division	24	9	1	7	0	22	15	6	0	0	31	29
	25	14	0	13	0	44	30	9	0	0	58	52
	26	50	1	37	0	107	67	16	1	0	157	122
	27 A/B*	11	1	6	0	21	18	2	0	0	32	27
	28	8	1	5	0	39	23	8	0	0	47	37
	29	15	2	11	0	35	25	3	0	0	50	41
	30	4	1	3	0	19	13	3	0	0	23	20
	Totals	**532**	**54**	**400**	**6**	**1,183**	**818**	**207**	**3**	**1**	**1,715**	**1,489**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

North Carolina Judicial Districts And Divisions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JOHNSTON
WAYNE
GREENE
LENOIR
CRAVEN
PAMLICO
UNION
ANSON
RICHMOND
HOKE
CUMBERLAND
SCOTLAND
SAMPSON
DUPLIN
JONES
ONSLOW
CARTERET
ROBESON
BLADEN
PENDER
COLUMBUS
BRUNSWICK
NEW HANOVER

The State is divided into 33 judicial districts and four divisions. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their own district.

JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*
(As of June 30, 1980)

FIRST DIVISION

District	
1	J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
2	Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
3	Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville
	David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville
4	Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville
	James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
5	Bradford Tillery, Wilmington
	Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
6	Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
7	George M. Fountain, Tarboro
	Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro
8	R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive
	James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

SECOND DIVISION

9	Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
10	James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh
	Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh
	A. Pilston Goodwin, Jr., Raleigh
	Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
11	Harry E. Canaday, Benson
12	E. Maurice Braswell, Fayetteville
	Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville
	D.B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville
13	Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
14	Thomas H. Lee, Durham
	Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama
	John C. Martin, Durham
15A	D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
15B	F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
16	Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton

THIRD DIVISION

District	
17	James M. Long, Yanceyville
18	Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro
	W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro
	Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
19A	Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer
	James C. Davis, Concord
19B	Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
20	John D. McConnell, Southern Pines
	F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro
21	Harvey A. Lupton, Winston-Salem
	William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem
22	Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville
	Peter W. Hairston, Advance
23	Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilksboro

FOURTH DIVISION

24	Ronald W. Howell, Marshall
25	Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory
	(Vacant)[1]
26	Frank W. Snepp, Jr., Charlotte
	Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte
	Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte
	William T. Grist, Charlotte
	Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte
27A	Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville
	Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
27B	John R. Friday, Lincolnton
28	Robert D. Lewis, Asheville
	C. Walter Allen, Asheville
29	(Vacant)[2]
30	Lacy H. Thornburg, Webster

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* In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

[1] Judge Sam J. Ervin, III, of Morganton, resigned this seat effective May 30, 1980; Claude S. Sitton, of Morganton, was appointed to suceed him effective September 3, 1980.

[2] Judge J.W. Jackson, of Hendersonville, retired on June 1, 1980; Hollis M. Owens, Jr., of Rutherfordton, was appointed to succeed him effective July 31, 1980.

SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton
Clarence P. Cornelius, Mooresville
Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem
John R. Jolly, Rocky Mount

Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville
Harry L. Riddle, Jr., Morganton
Donald L. Smith, Raleigh

EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Albert W. Cowper, Kinston
Hamilton H. Hobgood, Louisburg

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are principally original-jurisdiction trial courts which also perform some appellate functions. In 1979-80 there were 58 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 33 judicial districts for eight-year terms by Statewide ballot, and eight "special" superior court judges appointed to office by the Governor for four-year terms.

Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which they may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds $5,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from all administrative agencies except the Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the N.C. State Bar, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals. Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matter and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court as *ex officio* judge of probate. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina are grouped into 33 judicial districts at the present time. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case-calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The 33 judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on page 26. Within his division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate through the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

Resources

A total of $14,042, 696 was expended for operation of the superior courts during the 1979-80 fiscal year, an increase of 13.5% over 1978-79 expenditures of $12,377,-669. This total includes expenditures for the State's district attorneys' offices as well as the salaries and operating expenses of the 66 superior courts judges, court reporters in the superior courts, and staff support. The 1979-80 total amounted to 19.8% of the General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the superior courts' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the previous year.

1979-80 Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 74,899 cases were filed in the superior courts from July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980. Comparisons of this year's total with those in previous Annual Reports indicate that superior court case filings have been increasing in recent years. The 1979-80 total is 9.1% higher than the total of 68,625 cases filed during 1978-79.

Superior court case dispositions increased also, although the number of cases disposed of in 1979-80 — a total of 72,983 civil and criminal cases — did not equal the number filed. As a result there was an increase in the number of cases pending, from 31,356 as of the first of the fiscal year to 33,272 as of the last of the year. This represents an increase of 6.1%.

Additional, and more detailed, information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this report.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Superior Courts

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for superior court judges in 1979-80:

- three orientation sessions for new special superior court judges, July 27-28, August 3-4, and September 7-8, in Chapel Hill, attended by 7 new judges;
- the Fall Continuing Education Conference, September 28-29, 1979 in Wilmington, attended by 50 judges;
- the Spring Seminar, February 21-23, 1980 in Pinehurst, attended by 48 judges; and
- the annual meeting of the Conference of Superior Court Judges, June 22-25 in Wrightsville Beach, attended by 58 judges.

Grant Funds also were used to sponsor court reporter attendance at a North Carolina Shorthand Reporters Association seminar that was held in Fayetteville on February 16, 1980. A total of 30 superior court reporters attended this training session.

The Conference of Superior Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1980)

John D. McConnell, Southern Pines, *President*

J.W. Jackson, Hendersonville, *President-Elect*

Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer, *Vice President*

F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro, and
D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington,
Additional Executive Committee Members

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1980)

District	
1	John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City
	Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City
	John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
2	Hallett S. Ward, Washington
	Charles H. Manning, Williamston
3	Charles H. Whedbee, Greenville
	E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville
	Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
	Norris C. Reed, Jr., New Bern
	James E. Regan, Oriental
	Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton
4	Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill
	E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville
	Walter P. Henderson, Trenton
	James N. Martin, Kenansville
	Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
5	Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington
	Carter T. Lambeth, Wilminton
	Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
	John M. Walker, Wilmington
6	Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
	Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck
	Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
7	George Britt, Tarboro
	James E. Ezzell, Rocky Mount
	Allen W. Harrell, Wilson
	Tom H. Matthews, Rocky Mount
8	J. Patrick Exum, Kinston
	Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont
	Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro
	Joseph E. Setzer, Goldsboro
	Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
9	Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford
	Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson
	J. Larry Senter, Franklinton
	Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
10	George F. Bason, Raleigh
	Henry V. Barnette, Jr., Raleigh
	Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh
	George R. Greene, Raleigh
	John Hill Parker, Raleigh
	Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh
11	Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield
	William Christian, Sanford
	K. Edward Greene, Dunn
	W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
12	Derb S. Carter, Fayetteville
	Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville
	Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford
	Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville
	Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville
13	Frank T. Grady, Elizabethtown
	J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Whiteville
	Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
	William E. Wood, Whiteville
14	J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham
	Karen B. Galloway, Durham
	David Q. LaBarre, Durham
	William G. Pearson, II, Durham
15A	J.B. Allen, Jr., Burlington
	Thomas D. Cooper, Jr., Burlington
	W.S. Harris, Jr., Graham
15B	Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill
	Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
16	John S. Gardner, Lumberton
	B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg
	Charles G. McLean, Lumberton
	Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
17	Leonard H. vanNoppen, Danbury
	Foy Clark, Mount Airy
	Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
	Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville
18	Robert L. Cecil, High Point
	Elreta M. Alexander, Greensboro
	Frank A. Campbell, Greensboro
	John B. Hatfield, Jr., Greensboro
	James Samuel Pfaff, Greensboro
	Joseph A. Williams, Greensboro
	John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
	(Vacant)[1]
19A	Robert L. Warren, Concord
	L. Frank Faggart, Kannapolis
	Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord
	Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

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* The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

[1] Judge B. Gordon Gentry, of Greensboro, retired on April 30, 1980; Joseph R. John, of Greensboro, was appointed to succeed him effective July 2, 1980.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1980)

District	
19B	L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
	William H. Heafner, Asheboro
20	Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro
	Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle
	Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe
	Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham
21	Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem
	William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
	James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem
	Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem
	Gary B. Tash, Winston-Salem
22	Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville
	Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville
	Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
	Hubert E. Olive, Jr., Lexington
23	Ralph Davis, North Wilkesboro
	John T. Kilby, Jefferson
	Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro
24	J. Ray Braswell, Newland
	Robert H. Lacey, Newland
25	Livingston Vernon, Morganton
	Edward J. Crotty, Hickory
	Bill J. Martin, Hickory
	L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory
	Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton
26	Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
	Walter H. Bennett, Jr., Charlotte
	Larry Thomas Black, Charlotte
	L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte
	Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte
	William G. Jones, Charlotte
	James E. Lanning, Charlotte
	William H. Scarborough, Charlotte
	T. Michael Todd, Charlotte
27A	Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia
	Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia
	J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia
	Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia
27B	A. Max Harris, Ellenboro
	James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
	George W. Hamrick, Shelby
28	James O. Israel, Jr., Candler
	Earl J. Fowler, Jr. Arden
	Peter L. Roda, Asheville
	William Marion Styles, Black Mountain
29	Robert C. Cash, Brevard
	Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville
	Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville
	Hollis M. Owens, Jr., Rutherfordton
30	Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City
	J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville
	John J Snow, Jr., Murphy

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* The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 136 district court judges serving in 33 judicial districts during 1979-80, elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 598 magistrate positions (some part-time) were authorized in 1979-80. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and re-commitments to mental hospitals, domestic relations cases, and to general civil cases where the amount in controversy is $5,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case where the amount in controversy is $800* or less may be denominated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are also empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed $400** and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions; magistrates may also accept waivers of appearance and pleas of guilty in certain traffic cases. Magistrates conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested offenders, and are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of civil cases; assigning matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions, in the district courts, of the clerks of superior court of the district.

The 33 chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1980)

John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City, *Chairman*

James O. Israel, Jr., Candler, *Vice Chairman*

Resources

A total of $14,269,622 was expended for operating expenses of the district courts in 1979-80, an increase of twelve percent over 1978-79 expenditures of $12,745,520. Included in the total are expenses of court reporters for district courts as well as personnel costs of district court judges and magistrates. The 1979-80 total is 20.1% of the General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department. This is approximately equal to the district courts percentage share of the total Judicial Department expenditures for the previous fiscal year.

1979-80 Caseload

Including most civil and all criminal cases, a total of 1,458,647 cases were filed in the district courts from July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980. This total is 1.8% higher than 1978-79 filings of 1,432,067 cases. The relatively small increase in the combined (civil and criminal) figure results from a sharp increase in district court civil case filings (315,867 cases in 1979-80 — 13.0% above the 1978-79 total of 279,548 cases) which is offset in part by a decline in filings of district court criminal cases (from 1,152,519 cases filed in 1978-79 to 1,142,780 in 1979-80).

Total district court dispositions in 1979-80 (1,415,924 cases) lagged slightly behind the filings total, with the result that the number of cases pending rose over the course of the year. A total of 243,039 cases were pending on June 30, 1980. This is an increase of 21.3% over the number pending at the end of the previous year.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads is contained in Part IV of this *Report*.

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* Increased from $500, effective October 1, 1979.

** Increased from $300, effective October 1, 1979

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The District Courts

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for district court judges in 1979-80:

- two orientation sessions for new judges, August 31-September 1 and September 21-22 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 5 new judges;
- a course on Juvenile Code revision and community-based alternatives,, September 14-15, 1979 in Chapel Hill, attended by 37 judges;
- the district judges' Fall Seminar, November 2-3 in Asheville, attended by 97 judges;
- two orientation sessions for new judges, November 30-December 1 and January 19 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 6 new judges; and
- the Summer Seminar of the Association of District Court Judges, June 22-25 in Southern Pines, attended by 77 judges.

Grant funds were also used to sponsor court reporters attending the North Carolina Shorthand Reporters Association seminar that was held in Fayetteville on February , 1980. A total of 6 district court reporters attended this session.

By statute, new magistrates are required to satisfactorily complete a course of basic training of at least 40 hours within six months of taking office. Two sessions of this course were offered at the institute of Government in Chapel Hill in 1979-80. The first (July 23-27 and August 6-10) was attended by 34 new magistrates; the second (January 28-February 1 and February 4-8) was attended by 29 new magistrates.

The Judicial Department also sponsored five refresher course sessions for magistrates, September 10-11 in Chapel Hill (107 magistrates), September 12-13 in Chapel Hill (65 magistrates), October 8-10 in Fontana Village (91 magistrates), October 15 in Charlotte (18 magistrates), and October 25-26 in Kinston (67 magistrates).

The Association of District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1980)

George F. Bason, Raleigh, *President*

Larry Thomas Black, Charlotte, *Vice President*
Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton, *Secretary-Treasurer*

George Britt, Tarboro,
William G. Pearson, II, Durham, and
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton,
Additional Executive Committee Members

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
(As of June 30, 1980)

District	
1	THOMAS S. WATTS, Elizabeth City
2	WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
3	ELI BLOOM, Greenville
4	WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
5	W. ALLEN COBB, Wilmington
6	W. H. S. BURGWYN, JR., Woodland
7	HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
8	DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
9	DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
10	J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
11	JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
12	EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
13	LEE J. GREER, Whiteville
14	DAN K. EDWARDS, JR., Durham
15A	HERBERT F. PIERCE, Graham
15B	WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
16	JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton
17	FRANKLIN E. FREEMAN, JR., Reidsville
18	MICHAEL A. SCHLOSSER, Greensboro
19A	JAMES E. ROBERTS, Concord
19B	RUSSELL G. WALKER, JR., Asheboro
20	CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
21	DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
22	H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
23	MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
24	CLYDE M. ROBERTS, Marshall
25	DONALD E. GREENE, Newton
26	PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
27A	JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
27B	W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
28	RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
29	M. LEONARD LOWE, Rutherfordton
30	MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The District Attorneys

The State is divided into prosecutorial districts which correspond to its judicial districts, and a district attorney is elected by the voters of each of the 33 districts for four-year terms.

Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

Resources

Each district attorney is authorized to employ, on a full-time basis, the number of assistant district attorneys specified by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1980, a total of 197 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 33 districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenbury County) had the largest staff — 19 assistants — and the district attorney of District 24 the smallest — two assistants.

Each district attorney is also authorized to employ, on a full-time basis, an administrative assistant to assist in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 19 of the 33 districts is empowered to employ an investigative assistant, to aid in the investigation of cases preparatory to trial.

1979-80 Caseload

A total of 61,824 criminal cases were filed in superior courts from July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980; 36,830 of these cases were felonies and 24,994 were misdemeanors on appeal from district courts. Combined with the 17,000 cases pending on July 1, 1979, the district attorneys' superior court caseload for the year totalled 78,824 cases. Of these, a total of 61,216 cases (36,169 felonies and 25,047 misdemeanor appeals) were disposed of, 77.7% of the caseload. Still pending in superior courts on June 30, 1980 were 17,608 cases (10,803 felonies and 6,805 misdemeanor appeals), which is an increase of 3.6% over the number pending on July 1, 1979.*

In district courts, a total of 1,142,780 criminal cases were filed during 1979-80 (777,264 motor vehicle cases and 365,516 other criminal cases). The total is virtually identical to the 1978-79 total of 1,152,519 criminal cases filed, the result of a slight decrease in motor vehicle case filings that was nearly offset by an increase in other criminal case filings. A total of 121,645 criminal cases were pending as of July 1, 1979; this figure, combined with cases filed during the year, totalled 1,264,425 cases to be handled in district court. This cannot be regarded as the district attorneys' "caseload," however, since many district court criminal cases are disposed of by defendant's waiver of appearance and plea of guilty before a magistrate or clerk of superior court staff, and these cases do not require the district attorneys' attention. A total of 495,642 cases were disposed of by waiver in 1979-80 (44.6% of all district court criminal case dispositions), and an additional 28,813 cases which were filed in 1979-80 were disposed of by waiver after June 30, 1980. When these are excluded, the district attorney's district court caseload for the year totalled 739,970 cases. Of these, 614,883 cases were disposed of, 83.1% of the caseload. This percentage is very slightly above the comparable figure (82.5%) for 1978-79. As of June 30, 1980, 153,900 criminal cases were pending in the district courts of the State, an increase of 26.5% over the number pending on July 1, 1979.*

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in the superior and districts courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

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* As noted in Part I, specific figures on cases pending at the end of the fiscal year may have to be revised as additional information is received from the 100 clerks of superior court offices.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The District Attorneys

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for district attorneys and their staffs in 1979-80:

- a conference for administrative assistants, September 19-21 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 21 administrative assistants, four witness-attendance coordinators, and one investigator;
- the Fall Conference of the District Attorneys Association, September 27-29 in Raleigh, attended by 22 district attorneys and 82 assistant district attorneys;
- an orientation session for new prosecutors, October 15-19 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 30 new assistant district attorneys;
- the state-wide conference for juvenile court counselors and judges, November 4-5 in Asheville, was attended by six assistant district attorneys;
- a seminar on rape and sex offenses, March 18-21 in Chapel Hill, attended by four district attorneys and 46 assistant district attorneys; and
- the June Conference of the District Attorneys Association, June 22-25 in Southern Pines, attended by 13 district attorneys and 72 assistant district attorneys.

The District Attorneys Association
(Officers as of June 30, 1980)

Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City, *President*

Joe Freeman Britt, Lumberton, *Vice President*

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro, *Vice President, Legislative Affairs*

Ronald J. Bowers, Salisbury, *Secretary-Treasurer*

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT
(As of June 30, 1980)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson
Alexander	Martha J. Adams
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood
Anson	R. Frank Hightower
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson
Avery	Billy J. Vance
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight
Bladen	Smithy S. Harris
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg
Burke	Major A. Joines
Cabarrus	Estus B. White
Caldwell	Mary Hood Thompson
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy
Carteret	Mary Austin
Caswell	J. P. Moore
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney
Chatham	Janice Oldham
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke
Chowan	Lena M. Leary
Clay	Ralph A. Allison
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson
Craven	Dorothy Pate
Cumberland	George T. Griffin
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot
Dare	C. S. Meekins
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd
Davie	Delores C. Jordan
Duplin	John A. Johnson
Durham	James Leo Carr
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver
Forsyth	A. E. Blackburn
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins
Gates	Tobe Daniels, Jr.
Graham	O. W. Hooper, Jr.
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms
Greene	Cleo W. McKeel
Guilford	Joseph E. Slate, Jr.
Halifax	J. C. Taylor
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown
Haywood	William G. Henry
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson
Hertford	Richard T. Vann
Hoke	Juanita Edmund
Hyde	W. Allen Credle
Iredell	Carl G. Smith
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.
Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Lenoir	M. E. Creech
Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Macon	A. W. Perry
Madison	James W. Cody
Martin	Mary K. Wynne
McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Moore	Charles M. McLeod
Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Pamlico	Sadie W. Edwards
Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Pender	Frances N. Futch
Perquimans	W. J. Ward
Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Randolph	John H. Skeen
Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Robeson	Ben G. Floyd, Jr.
Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Rowan	Francis Glover
Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Scotland	J. Mason McGregor
Stanly	Joe H. Lowder
Stokes	Robert Miller
Surry	David J. Beal
Swain	Harold H. Sandlin
Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Union	Nola H. Cunningham
Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Warren	Anne F. Davis
Washington	Louise S. Allen
Watauga	John T. Bingham
Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Wilkes	Wayne R[illegible]
Wilson	William G. Stewart
Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Yancey	Arnold E. Higgins

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for four-year terms by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waiver of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continued to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties the clerk's staff assisted the district attorney in preparing some criminal case calendars as well. Ending with fiscal year 1979-80, ultimate responsibility for civil case calendaring was vested in "calendar committees" chaired by the clerk and comprised of members of the county bar. (As of July 1, 1980, these committees were abolished by the Supreme Court and ultimate responsibility for civil case calendaring was vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges.) Day-to-day calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by "trial court administrators."

Resources

A total of $24,283,713 was expended in 1979-80 for operation of the 100 clerks of superior court offices, an increase of 13.2% over 1978-79 expenditures of $21,457,921. Included in the total were expenditures for jurors' fees, supplies, postage, telephone and office expenses for all local Judicial Department personnel, and the salaries and benefits of the clerks and their staffs. The 1979-80 total made up 34.1% of General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department; this percentage share of the total is approximately equal to the percentage expended for operations of the clerks' offices in 1978-79.

1979-80 Caseload

Filings of estates cases totalled 34,670 cases in 1979-80, an increase of 5.3% over the number (32,926) filed in 1978-79. Estates case dispositions totalled 32,093 cases in 1979-80, or 2.3% more than the 1978-79 total of 21,378 cases. As has been usual in recent years, however, filings outnumbered dispositions in 1979-80 and the number of pending estates cases at the end of the year (50,534 cases) was larger than the number pending at the beginning (47,957 cases), an increase of 5.4%.

There were 29,830 special proceedings filed in 1979-80, an increase of 7.3% over 1978-79 filings of 27,799 cases. Special proceedings case dispositions also rose, although at a slower rate: the 1979-80 total of 27,925 cases disposed of is 4.5% above the previous year's total of 26,717. The result was a widening gap between filings and dispositions and an increase in the number of cases pending, from 19,453 cases pending on July 1, 1979 to 21,358 cases pending on June 30, 1980. This represents an increase of almost ten percent.

More detailed information on the clerks' estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Clerks of Superior Court

Educational Activity

Utilizing State appropriations, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for clerks of superior court in 1979-80:

- the Annual Conference of the Association of Clerks of Superior Court, July 25-27 in Winston-Salem, attended by 81 clerks; and
- the Annual Conference of the Association of Assistant and Deputy Clerks of Superior Court, July 18-20 in Asheville, attended by 287 assistant and deputy clerks.

Association of Clerks of Superior Court
(Officers as of June 30, 1980)

A.E. Blackburn, Forsyth County, *President*

Ben G. Floyd, Jr., Robeson County,
First Vice President

Louise B. Wilson, Alamance County
Second Vice President

George T. Griffin, Cumberland County,
Secretary

Nola H. Cunningham, Union County, *Treasurer*

Major Joines, Burke County,
Shelton Jordan, Wayne County, and
Ruth B. Williams, McDowell County *(ex officio)*,
Additional Executive Committee Members

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Public Defenders

In 1979-80 there were five public defenders in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 12, 18, 26, 27A and 28. (By action of the 1979 General Assembly in its second session in 1980, a sixth public defender will begin serving District 3 on January 1, 1981.) These officials and their assistants provide legal representation for persons in designated categories who are determined to be indigent. The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for the other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided one full-time assistant; additional full-time or part-time assistants may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Duties

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation." He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement, a fine of $500 or more, or extradition to another State; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or a transfer of custody upon a finding of abuse or neglect.

Most cases of State-paid representation of indigents in these five districts are handled by the public defenders. In unusual circumstances — such as the existence of a conflict of interests — an indigent in one of these districts may be represented by private counsel, appointed by the court and paid a fee by the State for his legal services. In the other 28 districts the assigned private counsel system is the only one used.

Resources

A total of $1,404,715 was expended for the operation of the five public defenders' offices in 1979-80, an increase of 22.2% over 1978-79 expenditures of $1,149,780. The 1979-80 total is two percent of all General Fund expenditures for the operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share is slightly above the percentage of total Judicial Department expenditures spent for the public defenders' offices in 1978-79.

1979-80 Caseload

The five public defenders' offices handled a total of 11,558 cases, including both trials and appeals, in 1979-80. This represents an increase of 5.3% over the 10,972 cases handled by these offices during the 1978-79 fiscal year. Additional information on the operation of these offices is contained in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for public defenders in 1979-80:

- a Fall training session, October 24-26 in Boone, attended by the five public defenders and 37 assistant public defenders; and
- the Public Defenders Association Spring Conference, May 28-30 in Wrightsville Beach, attended by four public defenders and 30 assistant public defenders.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

(As of June 30, 1980)

District 12
Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 18
Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26
Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

District 27A
Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

District 28
J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

The Association of Public Defenders
(Officers as of June 30, 1980)

Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville, *President*

Lawrence B. Langston, Gastonia, *Vice President*

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte, *Secretary*

Deno G. Economou, Greensboro, *Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Administrative Office of the Courts

The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courtsand staff perform a variety of functions for the Judicial Department; these are enumerated in Article 29 of Chapter 7A of the North Carolina General Statutes. The Director is appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and serves at his pleasure.

Effective January 1, 1980, the Administrative Office was reorganized as reflected in the chart below. The purpose of the reorganization was to provide a more unified centralized management structure along functional lines. The Assistant Director for Legal Services, in addition to assisting the Chief in making assignments of superior court judges and assisting the Supreme Court in preparation of calendars of superior court trial sessions, now has responsibility for Juvenile Services, the Office of Counsel, and the Research and Planning Office.

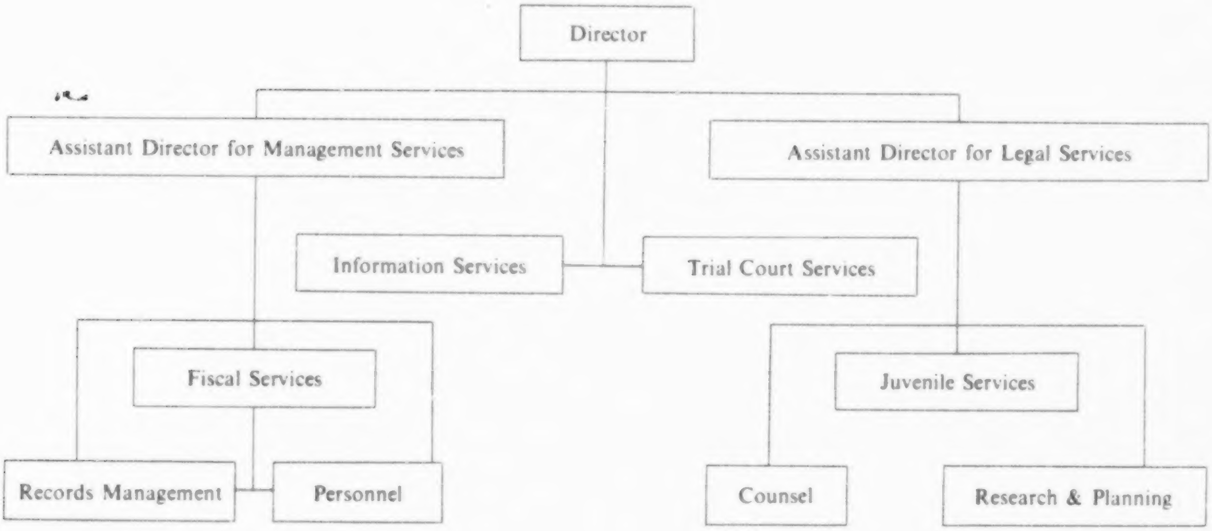
The Assistant Director for Management Services (a new position) has responsibility for Fiscal Services, Personnel, and Records Management.

The activities of the various components of the Administrative Office of the Courts during 1979-80 are summarized in the following pages.

A total of $1,800,869 was expended from the State's General Fund for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts during 1979-80, which amounts to 2.5% of General Fund expenditures for the Judicial Department.

Organization of the Administrative Office of the Courts

(As of June 30, 1980)


Director
Assistant Director for Management Services
Assistant Director for Legal Services
Information Services
Trial Court Services
Fiscal Services
Juvenile Services
Records Management
Personnel
Counsel
Research & Planning

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Fiscal Services

The Controller supervises this component of management services which includes budgeting, payroll and other disbursements and related accounting, auditing, purchasing, printing, and warehousing of forms and supplies.

During the 1979-80 fiscal year, expenditures for the operation of the Judicial Department totaled $71,862,275. Judicial Department receipts, consisting of courts costs, fees, fines and forfeitures, and recovery of payments in judgments for indigent representation totalled $49,311,081. As required by State statutes these receipts were disbursed as follows: $21,467,077 to the State Treasurer for the General Fund and $2,439,492 for the Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement Fund; $24,588,139 distributed among the 100 counties; and $816,373 distributed among various municipalities throughout the State.

An important aspect of fiscal operations in the Judicial Department is the handling of funds by the clerk of superior court located in each of the 100 counties of the State. Uniform accounting rules and procedures are prescribed for these activities in the clerks' offices, which include receipt and disbursement of court costs, fees, fines, bond forfeitures, and cash bonds, as well as payments in accord with court judgments.

During 1979-80 a pilot project featuring an electronic cash register/validating system was implemented in the clerk's office in Cumberland county, to complement the mini-computer accounting system that has been operational for some years. Results of this experimental project indicate that the cashier's operation in the clerk's office is thereby made more efficient.

Records Management

The Records Management Officer monitors the record-keeping procedures applicable to the activities of the office of clerk of superior court in each of the 100 counties, and develops recommendations for improved clerk office operations, providing assistance to individual offices as required. He reviews issues of staffing adequacy and job duties pertaining to the clerks' offices and participates in training activities for clerk personnel. Liaison is maintained with other governmental agencies which have working relationships with clerks' offices: the Division of Archives and History on records management and retention, the Division of Motor Vehicles on traffic case reports, and county governments on space requirements for clerks' offices. He participates in review of new legislation affecting the clerks' offices, in disseminating information on such changes in the laws and in developing record-keeping procedures required by new legislation.

In addition, the Records Management Officer supervises a records management program for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During 1979-80 a criminal card index system was installed in the clerk's office in three counties, bringing to a total of 40 counties in which this system is now used. The criminal card index system has replaced a more cumbersome indexing system, providing a more convenient source for ready information.

Personnel

The Personnel Officer supervises a comprehensive personnel program for the approximately 3,400 employees of the Judicial Department, including administration of a classification and pay plan for the large majority of employees, certification of employee salaries, administration of fringe benefits (including longevity and workmen's compensation payments) and administration of an employee relations program for personnel of the Administrative Office of the Courts. He is also responsible for the assignment of court reporters for the trial courts.

During the 1979-80 year, in addition to administration of regular personnel activities, the following were accomplished:

(1) Procedures were developed for implementation, as of July 1, 1980, of changes in granting performance salary increases to employees whose salaries are at step 3 or above in their respective salary grades. Instead of having such merit salary increments based on the anniversary date of employment, a new policy established four quarterly dates (the first day of the months of August, November, February and May) on which performance salary increases would be effective.

(2) Comprehensive classification and pay reviews were conducted in the clerks' offices in 12 counties; and the planning and scheduling of similar reviews in other clerks' offices to take place during the coming year were completed.

(3) A special review of the classification and pay plan for the 31 chief court counselor positions in the Juvenile Services Division was begun.

Juvenile Services

The Juvenile Services Division administers the statewide juvenile court counselor program for children alleged or adjudicated to be delinquent or undisciplined. Services include intake (pre-hearing studies of children alleged to be delinquent or undisciplined and determination whether or not a petition should be filed in district court); probation (supervision within the community for those adjudicated to be delinquent or undisciplined and who have not been committed to training school); and aftercare (supervision within the community for children conditionally released from a training school). The services are delivered locally by court counselors assigned to each judicial district, under the immediate supervision of a chief court counselor.

As of January 1, 1980 a new Juvenile Code became effective for the State. The new code specifies several categories of non-divertible felony offenses for intake and introduced a new category of supervision for undisciplined and delinquent children. The new category, "protective supervision," is the status of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent or undisciplined and is placed under the supervision of a court counselor but is not on probation. The new category does not remove or replace that for undisciplined children, and may be used in lieu of probation for delinquent children. The dispositional alternatives for delinquent children were expanded and include restitution, fines, community services, confinement on an intermittent basis in an appropriate detention facility, and restriction of driving privileges. The disposition of probation was limited to a length of one year with the provision for a one-year extension after a hearing to determine the need for such extension.

During the 1979-80 fiscal year a total of 8,306 new cases were added to the court counselors' probation caseloads and a total of 8,752 cases were terminated. The daily average probation caseload, statewide, was 5,884 during the year, compared with a daily average caseload during 1978-79 of 6,378 cases. The precise reasons for the 7.75% decrease in daily average statewide caseload handled by the court counselors cannot be identified. However, it appears that this development was due, at least in part, to the various changes in the Juvenile Code described above.

Program reviews and evaluations were conducted in each judicial district during the year to determine the level of services being delivered and adherence to minimum standards of the Division which are uniformly applicable across the State.

Training continued to receive major emphasis during the year, including the following activities:

- one orientation session for 12 new court counselors;
- a required course in seven sessions for court counselors, counselor trainees, intake counselors, and supervisory counselors, with a total of 230 persons attending;
- a required course for chief court counselors and administrative personnel, attended by 30 persons;
- a one-day session on the Juvenile Code attended by 14 chief counselors;
- a course on the Juvenile Code revisions and the community-based alternatives programs, attended by 37 judges;
- Third N.C. Conference for Juvenile Court Counselors and Judges, on the theme of "Juvenile Justice—Treatment and Prevention Perspectives", with 270 in attendance; and
- nine special interest courses in counseling techniques and theories, presented as optional training in a total of 10 sessions across the State, with a total attendance of 132.

During the year, tuition fees were reimbursed for a total of 19 Division employees, and a total of 105 Division employees participated in individual learning projects.

Counsel

The Counsel for the Administrative Office of the Courts provides legal advice and assistance to clerks of court, magistrates, and other directly concerned with courtroom proceedings, as well as to administrative personnel in the Judicial Department. While most frequently this service is by telephone response, often the need for guidance is met through memoranda for general distribution.

Forms for use in the trials courts and in the offices of the clerks of superior court are prepared and up-dated, usually upon need arising from new legislation or recent court decisions.

The Counsel participates in educational and training activities for the clerks of superior courts and their assistants and deputies, including special programs for new clerks and for new employees in the clerks' offices.

During the 1979-80 year, requests for legal assistance by telephone averaged 10 to 15 per day; and requests for legal assistance requiring written responses averaged about 15 per week.

Research and Planning

This division has responsibility for conducting research and preparing reports and papers on problems or issues relevant to the courts of North Carolina. Staff assistance is provided for the North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee. In addition, the division has responsibilities for the LEAA grants management functions for the Judicial Department, and for the compilation, printing and distribution of the Annual Reports of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During the first part of the 1979-80 year, work was completed on the production and distribution of the 1978 Annual Report. The Annual Report was then compiled on a calendar-year basis. The policy decision was then made by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to change the annual reporting period

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from a calendar year to a fiscal year basis (July 1 through June 30). Thus, during the latter months of the 1979-80 year a second annual report was compiled, printed and distributed, covering the period July, 1978 through June 30, 1979.

During the Fall of 1979 the Research and Planning staff conducted studies regarding the principal problems and issues confronting the North Carolina court system and, on behalf of the Judicial Planning Committee, surveyed some 600 Judicial Department officials and members of the North Carolina Bar, to obtain their views on this subject. The results of that survey were reported to the Judicial Planning Committee. Thereafter, in February, 1980, the Committee adopted an "Agenda for 1980-83", comprising its priority list of issues and problems confronting the North Carolina courts which should receive attention during the next three years. Copies of that Agenda were produced and distributed to officials of the Judicial Department, members of the State Bar and to various officials in the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

The Research and Planning staff developed proposed LEAA fund allocations for the Judicial Department for the 1980-81 Federal fiscal year, for the consideration of the Judicial Planning Committee in April, 1980. Thereafter, the decision became final at the Federal level that the LEAA grant program would not be continued. Thus, new LEAA grant funds for the 1980-81 Federal fiscal year were not received.

Although new LEAA grant funds were not received in 1980, several LEAA projects will remain active for another year or two, from funds previously appropriated by the Congress. The LEAA Grants Management Section was involved during 1979-80 in the on-going administration of 16 LEAA-fund projects. Applications for 13 projects were prepared and approved for LEAA funding by the Governor's Crime Commission, the State Planning Agency for LEAA purposes. In addition, the LEAA Grants Manager participated with representatives of the Governor's Crime Commission in a total of 11 monitoring visits for review of various Judicial Department projects supported by LEAA funds.

Information Services

This division has responsibility for collecting case data and for implementing an automated information system for the Judicial Department.

Case data is reported manually by the Clerks of Court of the 100 North Carolina counties to this division for data entry and computer processing. Case volume statistics are generated from this information and produced on a quarterly basis. In addition, juvenile case data are reported and processed, thus bringing the number of transactions processed during the fiscal year over the three million mark.

Additional progress was made on the automated information system during the 1979-80 year. Four counties, Franklin, Vance, Nash, and Warren, are now reporting case data through the information system for district and superior court criminal cases. The Information Services Division has provided to these counties computer-produced district and superior court indexes, district court calendars, and automatic (computer) transfer of appeal cases for cases appealed from district court to superior court. Services in the design and development stage include computer-produced superior court calendars, warrants, orders for arrest, and subpoenas.

Training of clerk office personnel in the area of automation has not yet begun in other counties but is anticipated in the near future.

Trial Court Services

This division is responsible for directing the trial court administrator program. From 1977 to 1979 this program was operated as a pilot project in three judicial districts (10th, 22d and 28th) under an LEAA grant. In 1979 the General Assembly provided full state funding for the program and expanded it from three to ten positions. The responsibilities of the trial court administrator as defined in G.S. 7A-355 include assisting in the administration of the civil dockets of the judicial district, management of the jury system, and such other general management functions as may be assigned by the court.

The State Supreme Court in its recently revised Rule 2 of the Supplemental Rules of Civil Procedure provided for the delegation of civil case management responsibility by the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge, to the trial court administrator in those districts having such position. The trail court administrator is appointed by and is responsible to the senior resident superior court judge of the district.

With the exception of the three pilot judicial districts, the trial court administrator program is still in its infancy. Thus far, administrators have been employed in an additional three districts (3d, 18th, and 26th).

As of June 30, 1980, the three pilot judicial districts having a trial court administrator were among the top four districts in the state having the lowest average age of superior court civil cases. These three districts also ranked among those with the highest ratio of dispositions to caseload, with the metropolitan pilot districts (the 10th and 28th) consistently ranking ahead of other metropolitan districts in these measures of case management efficiency.

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Although statewide figures on jury utilization are not currently maintained, trial court administrators have made significant improvements in their own judicial districts in this area of court operations. The percentage of jurors who are summond but not used for a trial has been significantly reduced along with the cost per jury selected. The "one-day, one-trial jury system" operated by trial court administrators in Wake and Buncombe Counties have proved popular with the public as well as economical. The mandate of the program is to achieve in every judicial district served by a trial court administrator the level of performance attained in the pilot districts. The Division also provides assistance in civil case management to judges without trial court administrators. This service was provided to more than a third of the senior resident superior court judges during the 1979-80 year. Plans are being made to extend this program to chief district court judges and to develop management assistance programs to address other areas of local court administration.

Two jury-management projects were initiated during the 1979-80 year. One project will produce a set of guidelines to assist counties interested in computerizing the jury selection and summoning process. Two documents will be prepared and published under this project, with one document outlining in general terms the overall design and operation of a computer-aided jury selection system and the other containing software documentation. The completion of this project is scheduled to coincide with preparation of the 1982-83 master jury lists by the 100 counties of the State.

Another project begun during the year is the production of audio-visual orientation programs for jurors in six metropolitan courts. A model script was drafted, and arrangements were made with other state agencies to provide technical support for this project, which is expected to be completed during the coming year.

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The Judicial Planning Committee

(Members as of June 30, 1980)

Associate Justice J. Frank Huskins, Raleigh, *Chairman*

Magistrate C.E. Baker, Holly Springs

District Court Judge Thomas D. Cooper, Jr., Burlington*

District Attorney Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Reidsville

Public Defender Wallace C. Harrelson, Greensboro

Representative Edward S. Holmes, Pittsboro

Clerk of Superior Court Rachel M. Joyner, Nashville

Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton

Administrative Officer of the Courts Bert M. Montague, Raleigh

Chief Court of Appeals Judge Naomi E. Morris, Raleigh

Senator Willis P. Whichard, Durham

Ex-Officio Members

President of the N.C. State Bar E.K. Powe, Durham

President of the N.C. Bar Association Dewey W. Wells, Elizabeth City

President of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers Alfred S. Bryant, Jr., Charlotte

President of the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers Charles L. Becton, Chapel Hill

President of the N.C. Association of Women Attorneys Carolyn McAllaster, Durham

* Deceased, August 30, 1980

The Judicial Planning Committee 1979-80

The North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee was appointed by the Supreme Court in 1977, as one of the adjunct committees of the Governor's Crime Commission, the LEAA State Planning Agency. The Committee considers problems and issues affecting States's courts and provides recommendations to the State Supreme Court as well as to the Governor's Crime Commission. The Committee has a special role in the allocation of LEAA funds available to the court system. (As the Congress decided not to continue the LEAA grant program for the 1980-81 Federal fiscal year, no new grants funds were received beyond the 1979-80 fiscal period. Activity under various projects funded by prior-year LEAA funds will continue for another year or two until those projects have run their course.)

Staff assistance for the Judicial Planning Committee is provided by the Research and Planning Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During the period from July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980, the Judicial Planning Committee had a total of five meetings: August 7, 1979; September 7, 1979; November 2, 1979; February 29, 1980 and April 25, 1980.

The meetings in August and September, 1979 were joint meetings with the Corrections Committee of the Governor's Crime Commission, to consider issues of common interest to the courts and the correction agencies. At the August meeting the two committees heard reports on prison population projections, alternatives to incarceration, deferred prosecution programs, regulation of bail bondsmen and sentencing. At the September, 1979 joint meeting the committees considered alternatives to incarceration and adopted several recommendations to be forwarded to the Governor's Crime Commission, relating to financial restitution for victims of crime, community service programs, citizen dispute mediation, and improved probation services.

At the November, 1979 and February 2, 1980 meetings, the Judicial Planning Committee approved revisions to 1979-80 allocations of LEAA funds to the Judicial Department, necessitated by reductions in the amount of Federal funds received; and considered a broad range of issues and problems identified as confronting the court system, making conclusions on a list of such issues regarded as of priority importance which would be incorporated in an "agenda" to be further considered during the 1980-83 period. Copies of this special agenda report were thereafter distributed to about 600 Judicial Department officials, members of the North Carolina State Bar, and various officials of the Legislative and Executive Branches of State Government.

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At its April, 1980 meeting the Committee adopted a schedule of proposed LEAA allocations for various Judicial Department projects, in anticipation of receipt of LEAA funds for the 1980-81 fiscal year. Some months thereafter, a final decision was made in the Congress to discontinue the LEAA grant program, with the result that no new LEAA funds were received for the 1980-81 Federal fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1980. Thus, for all practical purposes, the Judicial Planning Committee's special role in the allocation of LEAA funds for court system projects has ended.

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The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1980)

Appointed by the Governor

Hon. H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*
Charles L. Becton, Chapel Hill
Hon. David M. Britt, Raleigh
J.T. Valentine, Jr., Nashville
Hon. Louise B. Wilson, Graham

Appointed by the President of the Senate

Hon. Henson P. Barnes, Goldsboro
Fielding Clark, II, Hickory
E. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem
Becky Hundley, Thomasville
Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., Winston-Salem
Hon. Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg
William G. Smith, Wilmington
Jim Van Camp, Southern Pines
(Vacancy)[1]

Ex officio

John W. Campbell, Lumberton, N.C. State Bar
Robert M. Clay, Raleigh, N.C. Bar Association
Bert M. Montague, Raleigh, Administrative Officer of the Courts

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[1] John R. Jordan, Jr., of Raleigh, resigned his membership on the commission prior to June 30, 1980; a successor had not been appointed by the Speaker of the House by the end of the fiscal year.

The North Carolina Courts Commission was established by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice."

The new Commission met first on March 17, 1980, and again in April and May. It has begun to invite all State officials and agencies dealing with the courts to make presentations to the Commission of their suggestions for improving the court system. From these suggestions the Commision is establishing a priority list of items for study, and it will make its recommendations from its list. Topics under consideration by the Courts Commission include:

— possible expansion of the Public Defender System;
— relief for the Appellate Division;
— the office of the district attorney;
— the office of the clerk of superior court
— decriminalization of minor traffic offenses, and
— the trial court administrator project.

Specific legislation is being formulated for presentation to the 1981 General Assembly.

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The Judicial Standards Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1980)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Edward B. Clark, Raleigh, *Chairman*

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro

District Court Judge L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

Appointed by the Governor

Marvin B. Koonce, Jr., Raleigh, *Secretary*

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro

Appointed by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville

Robert G. Sanders, Charlotte, *Vice Chairman*

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

The Judicial Standards Commission

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure know as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquires where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in nine inquiries.

During the 1 July 1979 — 30 June 1980 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 5 October 1979, 14 December 1979, 8 February 1980, 11 April 1980, and 30 May 1980.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission acting on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Two such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1979, and 85 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 87 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 71 inquiries and 16 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission with regard to the 71 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

(1) 55 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter not within the Commission's jurisdiction;
(2) 12 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction but not warranting further proceedings; and
(3) 4 inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations.

Of the 16 inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

(1) 9 inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
(2) 7 inquiries were still under investigation or subject to further action by the Commission.

PART III

COURT RESOURCES

- **Financial**
- **Personnel**

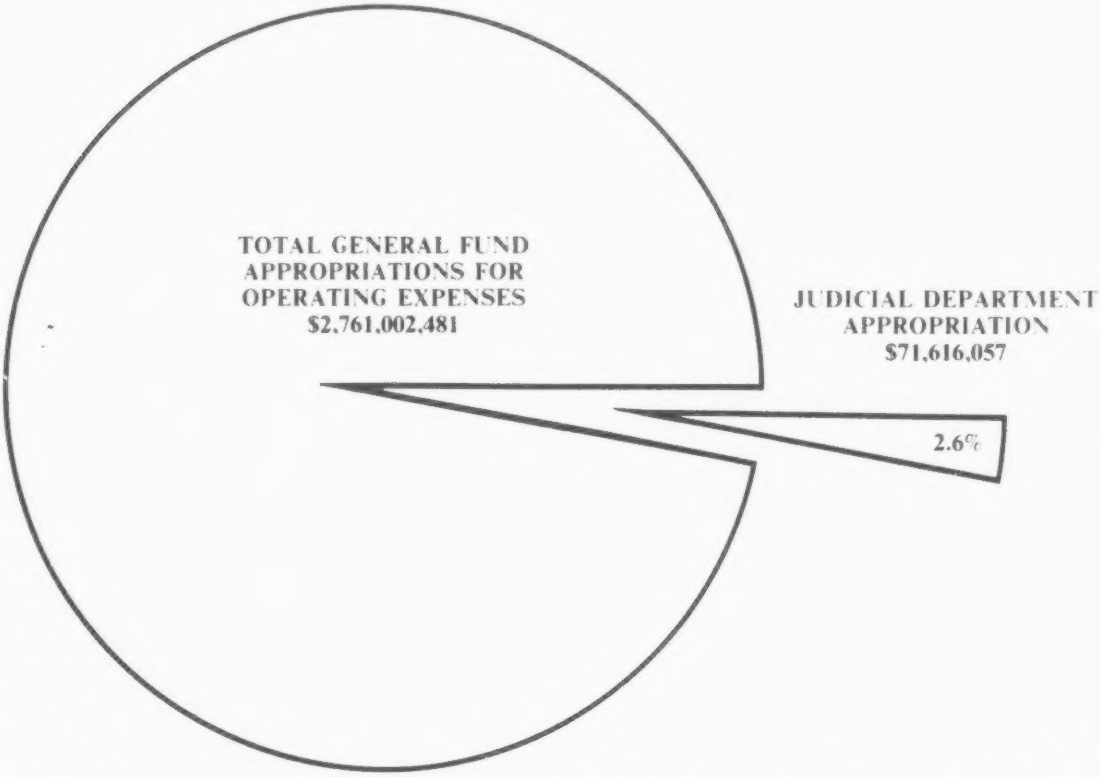
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. In recent years, the General Assembly has customarily held a "short" session in even-numbered years and the budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during these short sessions.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but by statute the county government are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

State appropriations from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for fiscal year July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980 totalled $71,616,057. General Fund appropriations for the *operating expenses* of all State agencies and departments, including the Judicial Department, totalled $2,761,002,481 for fiscal year, 1979-80. (These do not include appropriations for capital construction or appropriations from the Highway Fund for highway construction and repair.)

As is illustrated in the chart below, General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department comprised 2.6% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of *all* State agencies and departments.



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Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for operating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal Year	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1975-1976	$42,908,242	7.35%	$1,737,659,496	2.68%
1976-1977	47,218,782	10.05%	1,962,976,606	12.97%
1977-1978	56,319,115	19.27%	2,193,405,714	11.74%
1978-1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45%	2,761,002,481	12.60%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1975-1980		12.44%		10.36%

During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the 1977-78 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a significant increase in the number of superior court judges (20%) and an increase in the number of assistant district attorneys (18%).

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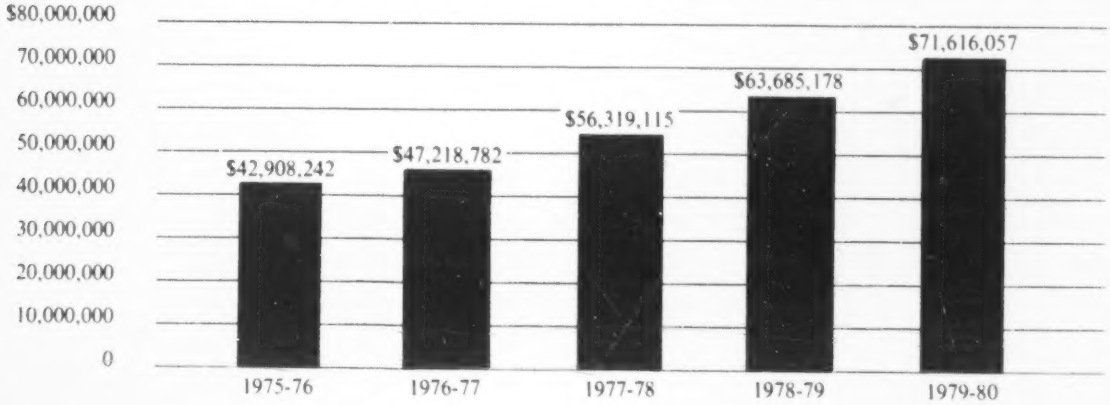
General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of The Judicial Department, 1975-76 — 1979-80



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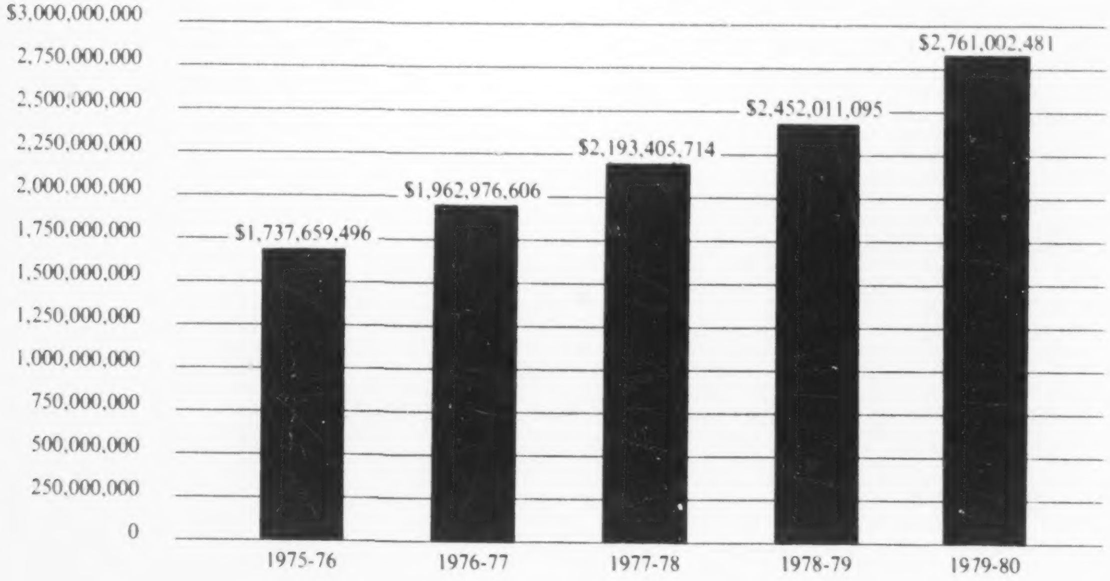

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Expenditures, 7/1/79—6/30/80

General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1979-80 fiscal year totalled $71,077,561, divided among the major budget classifications as shown below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled $784,714, for a grand total of $71,862,275 in expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	$ 1,185,967	1.7%
Court of Appeals	1,641,918	2.3%
Superior Courts (This classification includes judges, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, court reporters, and staff personnel.)	14,042,696	19.8%
District Courts (This classification includes judges, magistrates, and court reporters.)	14,269,622	20.1%
Clerks of Superior Court (This classification includes all 100 clerks and their staffs, juror fees, witness fees, and such support services as supplies, postage, telephone expenses, and office equipment for all local Judicial Department personnel.)	24,283,713	34.1%
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	5,918,435	8.3%
Legal Representation for Indigents Assigned private counsel ($5,989,715) Public defenders ($1,404,715) Special counsel at mental hospitals ($141,401) Support services (transcripts, records, briefs) ($325,893)	7,861,724	11.1%
Administrative Office of the Courts	1,800,869	2.5%
Judicial Council	-0-	
Judicial Standards Commission	72,617	0.1%
Total General Fund Expenditures	$71,077,561	100.0%
LEAA-Funded Projects	784,714	
GRAND TOTAL	$71,862,275	

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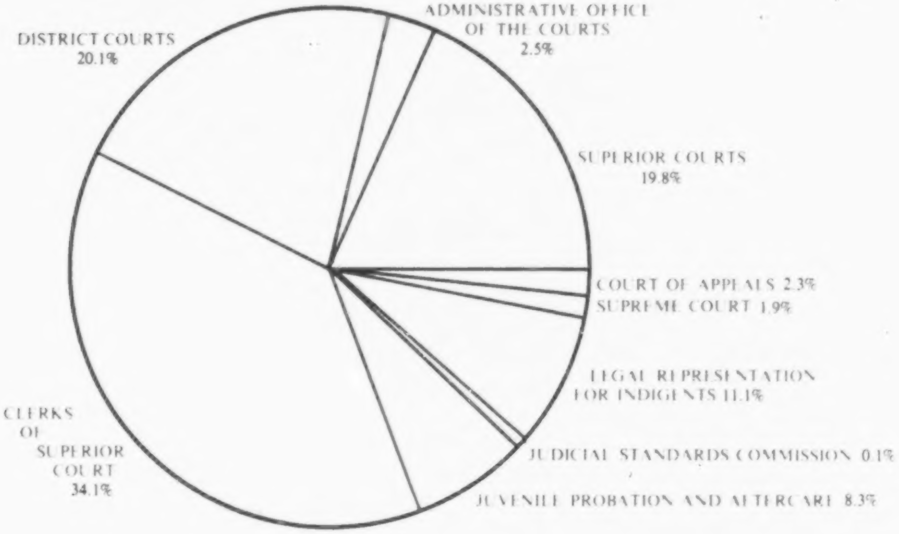
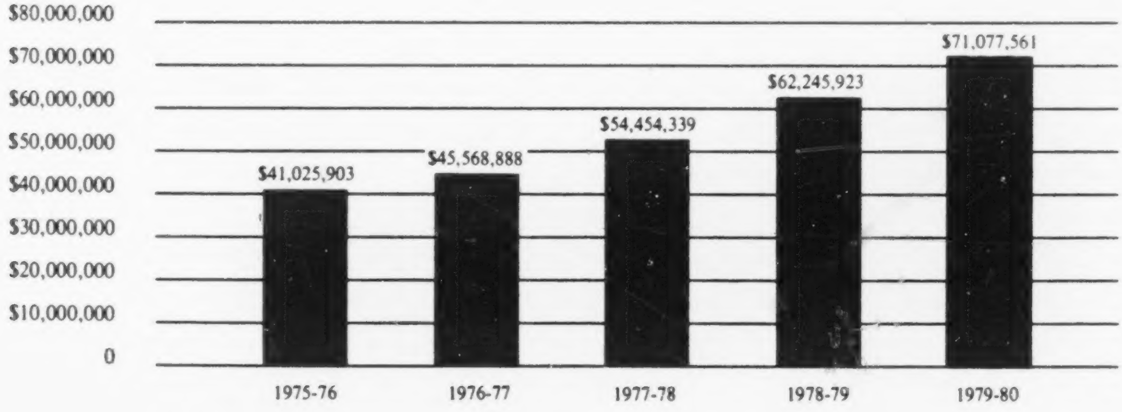
Expenditures, 7/1/79 - 6/30/80



As the chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 19.8% of total expenditures; this category includes expenditures for district attorneys and their staffs as well as superior court judges and court reporters. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates as well judges and court reporters) took 20.1% of the total. An additional 34.1% went to operate the offices for the 100 clerks of superior court, to pay jurors' and witnesses' fees and to provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service for all judicial Department personnel at the local level.

The total General Fund expenditures of $71,077,561 for 1979-80 represents a 14% increase over expenditures of $62,245,923 in 1978-79, an increase in keeping with the trend in recent years, as illustrated in the chart below.

General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department
Fiscal Years 1975-76 — 1979-80



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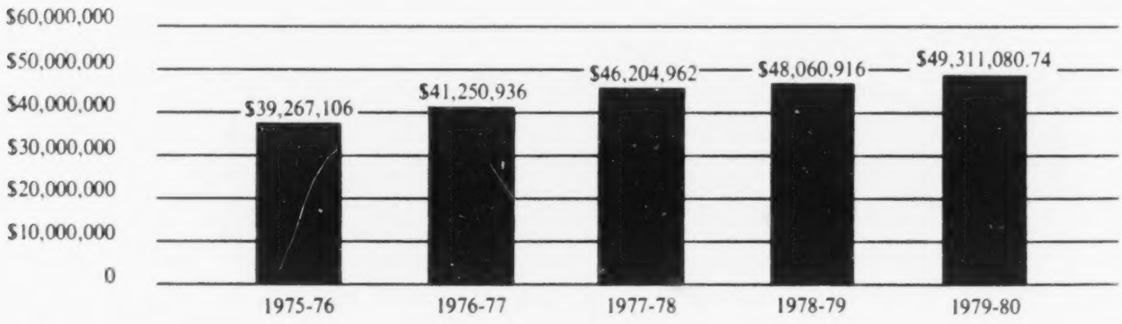
Department Receipts
July 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1979-80 fiscal year totalled $49,311,080.74. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments constituted 60.94% of the total receipts during 1979-80. Fines and forfeitures made up 37.71% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgments — made up less than two percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court Fees	$ 17,489.50	.03%
Court of Appeals Fees	27,553.07	.06%
Superior and District Court Costs	30,048,730.91	60.94%
Fines and Forfeitures	18,594,031.90	37.71%
Sales of Appellate Division *Reports*	115,177.35	.23%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	508,098.01	1.03%
Total	$49,311,080.74	100.00%

This total of $49,311,080.74 is an increase of 2.6% over total 1978-79 receipts of $48,060,916.45. The graph below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

Judicial Department Receipts, 1975-76 — 1979-80



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Distribution Of Judicial Department Receipts

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilities fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer Fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilities were used. Most jail facilities in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit, and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	$ 17,489.50	.03%
Court of Appeals Fees	27,553.07	.06%
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	115,177.35	.23%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	508,098.01	1.03%
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,439,492.17	4.95%
Other Superior and District Court Fees	20,798,758.77	42.18%
Total to State Treasurer	23,906,568.87	48.48%
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	18,594,031.90	37.71%
Judicial Facilities Fees	3,730,532.92	7.56%
Officer Fees	1,773,104.37	3.60%
Jail Fees	490,469.98	.99%
Total to Counties	24,588,139.17	49.86%
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	180,833.50	.37%
Officer Fees	621,030.45	1.26%
Jail Fees	14,508.75	.03%
Total to Municipalities	816,372.70	1.66%
GRAND TOTAL	$49,311,080.74	100.00%

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities*

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Alamance	$ 59,509.34	$ 26,679.00	$ 12,976.50	$ 313,159.41	$ -0-	$ 11,850.00	$ -0-	$ 424,174.25
Alexander	11,280.00	5,792.41	2,931.00	67,183.55	-0-	156.00	-0-	87,342.96
Alleghany	4,754.00	1,486.00	1,217.00	19,775.00	-0-	231.00	-0-	27,463.00
Anson	18,082.00	8,671.00	1,822.20	70,256.00	-0-	888.00	-0-	99,719.20
Ashe	9,946.00	8,294.00	2,348.00	52,217.00	-0-	78.00	-0-	72,883.00
Avery	8,151.00	6,257.00	1,070.00	37,219.00	-0-	30.00	-0-	52,727.00
Beaufort	32,331.00	23,076.00	7,351.00	172,313.64	-0-	4,909.00	-0-	239,980.64
Bertie	14,089.00	11,789.00	2,322.00	61,905.00	-0-	606.00	-0-	90,711.00
Bladen	25,665.00	20,863.18	2,735.00	139,072.50	2,883.00	734.00	-0-	191,952.68
Brunswick	19,108.00	10,279.00	3,914.00	110,884.50	2,070.00	376.00	-0-	146,631.50
Buncombe	96,136.00	57,087.50	9,559.50	493,524.27	-0-	17,725.50	-0-	674,032.77
Burke	42,960.00	17,183.00	3,183.50	182,295.51	-0-	3,042.00	-0-	248,664.01
Cabarrus	55,913.00	39,532.11	6,284.25	235,685.47	-0-	3,304.00	-0-	340,718.83
Caldwell	37,123.50	13,124.00	5,623.00	155,778.00	-0-	3,194.00	-0-	214,842.50
Camden	3,129.00	2,294.00	55.00	18,970.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	24,448.00
Carteret	30,977.00	15,760.00	2,062.00	211,136.73	-0-	4,564.00	-0-	264,799.73
Caswell	9,323.50	7,467.00	1,192.00	43,094.39	-0-	-0-	-0-	61,076.89
Catawba	31,258.00	18,606.00	5,637.00	283,115.05	36,009.00	11,917.00	2,833.00	389,375.05
Chatham	13,739.00	15,385.00	1,255.00	90,273.70	7,545.00	863.00	260.00	129,320.70
Cherokee	9,321.00	5,533.00	1,797.00	77,289.75	-0-	308.00	81.00	94,329.75
Chowan	10,296.00	6,629.00	571.00	37,298.00	-0-	1,490.00	-0-	56,284.00
Clay	2,900.00	1,990.00	390.00	19,667.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	24,947.00
Cleveland	44,490.25	16,516.20	8,529.00	197,054.69	-0-	5,050.00	-0-	271,640.14
Columbus	37,810.00	32,163.00	8,134.00	215,266.10	2,481.00	2,130.00	275.00	298,259.10
Craven	51,498.00	18,606.00	8,162.00	283,900.02	-0-	7,594.00	-0-	369,760.02
Cumberland	172,408.50	54,820.00	28,992.26	924,577.04	-0-	36,930.00	-0-	1,217,727.80
Currituck	12,772.00	9,709.84	982.50	87,623.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	111,087.34
Dare	18,430.00	9,304.15	3,141.00	175,520.00	-0-	2,396.00	-0-	208,791.15
Davidson	42,995.25	23,025.99	6,557.55	238,967.76	5,948.00	2,102.00	-0-	319,596.55
Davie	16,839.00	10,324.00	2,015.00	72,784.70	-0-	1,118.00	-0-	103,080.70
Duplin	29,456.00	12,547.00	2,310.00	155,376.99	-0-	987.00	475.00	201,151.99
Durham	113,536.00	39,147.21	2,743.00	309,557.80	-0-	22,984.85	-0-	487,968.86
Edgecombe	29,349.00	33,158.00	7,286.00	126,971.80	12,291.00	5,016.00	790.00	214,861.80
Forsyth	168,597.00	23,688.00	14,876.00	579,807.62	2,114.00	56,907.00	-0-	845,989.62
Franklin	18,417.00	8,780.18	1,955.50	238,845.04	-0-	252.00	25.00	268,274.72
Gaston	81,139.00	47,008.00	12,544.50	373,796.57	-0-	12,367.00	-0-	526,855.07
Gates	7,925.00	4,911.00	330.00	48,996.00	-0-	122.00	-0-	62,284.00
Graham	2,705.00	1,769.00	625.00	17,855.00	-0-	121.00	-0-	23,075.00
Granville	25,080.00	11,117.75	3,343.00	132,441.16	-0-	1,811.00	330.00	174,122.91
Greene	7,296.00	4,721.00	1,593.00	38,675.75	-0-	44.00	-0-	52,329.75
Guilford	217,708.00	31,619.00	19,080.00	708,129.46	-0-	62,029.00	-0-	1,038,565.46
Halifax	37,626.00	30,460.31	8,395.00	285,721.51	5,662.00	3,901.00	515.00	372,280.82
Harnett	31,370.00	15,822.00	3,871.26	202,316.66	6,920.00	2,676.00	675.00	263,650.92
Haywood	24,144.00	16,597.00	499.00	189,815.17	661.00	1,516.00	-0-	233,232.17
Henderson	27,834.00	13,701.00	6,866.00	143,950.60	18.00	2,168.00	-0-	194,537.60
Hertford	20,988.00	14,250.52	4,141.55	103,779.45	-0-	1,790.00	-0-	144,949.52
Hoke	14,069.00	6,603.00	2,725.00	83,220.50	-0-	654.00	-0-	107,271.50
Hyde	3,158.00	2,097.00	177.00	48,225.44	-0-	-0-	-0-	53,657.44

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	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Iredell	$ 44,917.00	$ 21,356.00	$ 3,384.00	$ 270,359.82	$ 9,263.00	$ 5,871.00	$ 565.00	$ 355,715.82
Jackson	14,246.00	9,716.00	1,898.00	101,576.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	127,436.00
Johnston	46,159.00	30,569.10	7,475.00	282,091.50	8,978.00	3,829.00	455.00	379,556.60
Jones	6,459.00	3,346.00	425.00	25,933.75	-0-	382.00	-0-	36,545.75
Lee	27,598.00	15,131.53	8,491.23	107,921.50	-0-	5,043.00	-0-	164,185.26
Lenoir	40,512.00	13,680.00	6,406.00	216,406.50	-0-	4,700.00	-0-	281,704.50
Lincoln	21,708.00	15,225.00	965.00	91,126.00	-0-	824.00	-0-	129,848.00
Macon	10,624.00	7,910.32	1,056.00	88,941.97	-0-	300.00	-0-	108,832.29
Madison	5,688.00	4,176.00	1,026.00	29,072.08	-0-	42.00	-0-	40,004.08
Martin	17,653.00	12,078.00	327.00	91,895.32	-0-	1,125.00	-0-	123,078.32
McDowell	20,639.00	12,423.00	4,727.00	148,544.29	-0-	1,088.00	-0-	187,421.29
Mecklenburg	309,438.00	130,901.65	170.00	1,127,515.01	-0-	84,837.00	-0-	1,652,861.66
Mitchell	5,678.00	3,697.00	549.00	27,167.00	-0-	234.00	-0-	37,325.00
Montgomery	23,501.00	18,465.50	3,521.00	80,855.20	-0-	836.00	-0-	127,178.70
Moore	32,370.00	23,747.00	2,073.00	197,318.13	4,521.00	3,652.00	425.00	264,106.13
Nash	32,830.00	31,269.04	5,420.00	217,998.00	17,100.00	6,437.00	1,073.00	312,127.04
New Hanover	81,145.00	18,820.33	11,877.00	447,399.49	-0-	16,711.00	935.00	576,887.82
Northampton	19,408.00	14,384.50	2,253.00	120,180.25	-0-	770.00	-0-	156,995.75
Onslow	75,879.53	32,102.45	35,767.61	580,237.35	-0-	11,729.00	-0-	735,715.94
Orange	32,401.00	17,059.00	2,247.00	185,803.10	8,768.00	8,267.00	238.00	254,783.10
Pamlico	4,189.00	3,111.00	1,745.00	23,204.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	32,249.00
Pasquotank	19,264.00	7,484.00	2,620.00	137,732.50	-0-	4,959.00	-0-	172,059.50
Pender	13,524.50	8,080.00	2,339.00	91,956.00	-0-	873.00	-0-	116,772.50
Perquimans	6,687.00	4,027.00	965.00	42,311.00	-0-	880.00	-0-	54,870.00
Person	16,414.00	1,460.00	1,527.50	77,631.00	30.00	1,460.00	-0-	98,522.50
Pitt	52,775.14	19,168.00	7,975.00	359,124.42	5,749.00	9,068.00	885.00	454,744.56
Polk	6,548.00	4,677.00	1,239.00	62,388.00	-0-	296.00	-0-	75,148.00
Randolph	43,081.50	37,270.97	1,330.00	173,969.24	1,437.00	3,280.00	-0-	260,368.71
Richmond	29,217.00	13,715.00	5,544.00	152,698.66	-0-	1,296.00	-0-	202,470.66
Robeson	66,319.00	38,491.82	16,797.06	502,337.84	23,005.00	9,505.00	1,295.00	657,750.72
Rockingham	41,167.59	24,887.00	6,490.51	249,432.70	13,681.50	8,530.00	665.00	344,854.30
Rowan	53,882.30	37,219.91	5,922.00	225,425.55	-0-	7,258.50	-0-	329,708.26
Rutherford	22,365.92	13,357.00	6,271.00	123,813.72	-0-	1,952.00	-0-	167,759.64
Sampson	47,058.82	35,479.00	7,094.00	241,530.85	-0-	1,338.00	-0-	332,500.67
Scotland	24,666.00	15,284.00	3,310.00	119,359.00	-0-	3,457.00	-0-	166,076.00
Stanly	30,366.00	9,057.00	3,445.00	142,572.42	-0-	3,270.00	-0-	188,710.42
Stokes	17,216.50	10,611.00	1,348.00	74,633.00	-0-	272.00	-0-	104,080.50
Surry	38,822.00	32,719.30	5,007.00	192,094.95	558.00	3,588.00	415.00	273,204.25
Swain	6,984.00	3,738.00	-0-	37,238.16	-0-	210.00	817.75	48,987.91
Transylvania	11,799.00	11,157.27	2,100.00	58,517.54	-0-	804.00	-0-	84,377.81
Tyrrell	2,502.00	1,855.00	145.00	9,527.60	-0-	-0-	-0-	14,029.60
Union	36,609.50	25,267.00	10,611.00	186,582.00	-0-	4,215.00	-0-	263,284.50
Vance	28,522.00	11,693.00	1,664.00	118,635.66	-0-	2,386.00	-0-	162,900.66
Wake	229,039.28	46,511.25	34,873.00	998,294.61	2,109.00	74,705.00	481.00	1,386,013.14
Warren	13,393.00	8,445.00	1,000.00	73,098.00	-0-	244.00	-0-	96,180.00

*Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities which furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise all officer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities*

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Washington	9,268.00	6,669.00	420.00	38,865.22	-0-	442.00	-0-	55,664.22
Watauga	15,324.00	9,600.00	2,260.00	112,883.00	-0-	1,970.00	-0-	142,037.00
Wayne	61,875.00	18,758.00	2,767.00	216,011.60	1,032.00	7,621.00	-0-	308,064.60
Wilkes	39,485.00	17,560.12	6,995.00	170,200.47	-0-	942.00	-0-	235,182.59
Wilson	46,757.00	28,016.96	6,413.00	162,193.63	-0-	9,720.60	-0-	253,101.19
Yadkin	16,631.00	10,503.00	2,930.00	75,362.00	-0-	502.00	-0-	105,928.00
Yancey	6,295.00	4,931.00	1,095.00	30,476.00	-0-	378.00	-0-	43,175.00
State Totals	$3,730,532.92	$1,773,104.37	$490,469.98	$18,594,031.90	$180,833.50	$621,030.45	$14,508.75	$25,404,511.87

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Section 7A-450 *et seq*. These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution to transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments) or by assignment of a public defender.

Five of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 28 districts utiiize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the five districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged in juvenile petitions to be neglected unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation.[1] By statute the guardian *ad litem* is a licensed attorney and is compensated for his services in the same way as compensation is provided for representation of an indigent person.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was $7,861,724 in the 1979-80 fiscal year, compared to $6,124,288 in the 1978-79 fiscal year, an increase of 28.4 percent. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 11.1% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1979-80 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents, for the fiscal year, July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980.

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Cost Per Case
Assigned Private Counsel			
Capital offense cases	315	$ 472,399	$1,499.67
Adult cases (other than capital)	28,282	4,985,500	176.27
Juvenile cases	3,891	271,854	69.86
As guardian *ad litem* for juveniles	2,246	259,962	115.74
Totals	34,734	$5,989,715	172.45
Public Defender Offices			
District 12	1,956	$ 299,359	$153.05
District 18	2,127	378,710	177.22
District 26	4,803	390,680	81.34
District 28	1,416	153,543	108.43
Totals	11,558	$1,404,715	121.54
Special counsel at mental hospitals	10,707	$ 141,401	13.21
Transcripts, records and briefs		308,979	
Expert witness fees		16,914	
Grand Total		$7,861,724	

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[1] G.S. 7A-283. Effective January 1, 1980, this section was repealed and replaced by a new section, G.S. 7A-546, which provided for the appointment of a guardian *ad litem* in all cases in which a petition alleges neither neglect or "abuse." 1979 Session Laws, Chapter 815.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was $141,401 for the 1979-80 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,707 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of $13.21.

The following presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1979-80. The total number of hearings held in 1979-80 represents an increase of 1.2% compared to the 10,575 hearings held in 1978-79.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
Initial Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	675	1,263	491	829	3,258
Commitment to outpatient clinic	183	164	5	132	484
Discharge	2,139	1,393	569	983	5,084
Totals	2,997	2,820	1,065	1,944	8,826
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	67	184	81	228	560
Commitment to outpatient clinic	10	1	3	21	35
Discharge	64	69	31	88	252
Totals	141	254	115	337	847
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	108	279	256	260	903
Commitment to outpatient clinic	0	0	0	1	1
Discharge	8	20	16	30	74
Totals	116	299	272	291	978
Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	1	18	0	5	24
Commitment to outpatient clinic	15	0	0	1	16
Discharge	0	10	0	6	16
Totals	16	28	0	12	56
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	851	1,744	828	1,322	4,745
Commitment to outpatient clinic	208	165	8	155	536
Discharge	2,211	1,492	616	1,107	5,426
Totals	3,270	3,401	1,452	2,584	10,707

The table on the following page compares the number of assigned private counsel cases and expenditures in each county and judicial district for fiscal years 1978-79 and 1979-80. There was a substantial increase in the number of cases for the State as a whole, from 28,998 cases in 1978-79 to 34,734 in 1979-80, an increase of 19.8%. Expenditures increased by 31.1%, from $4,568,495.45 in 1978-79 to $5,989,715.08 in 1979-80.

The largest district increase in the number of cases occurred in District 17, which had a total of 974 cases in 1978-79 and 1,403 cases in 1979-80, an increase of 44.1%.

The largest district increase in the amount of expenditures occurred in District 8, which had expenditures of $188,640.33 in 1978-79, compared with $444,817.95 in 1979-80, an increase of 135.8%.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers Of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 1978-79 and 1979-80

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1978-79	**1979-80**	**% Increase or Decrease**	**1978-79**	**1979-80**	**% Increase or Decrease**
District 1						
Camden	20	17	- 15.0%	$ 3,571.96	$ 4,822.06	+ 35.0%
Chowan	61	91	+ 49.2%	11,235.18	17,078.33	+ 52.0%
Currituck	58	48	- 17.2%	10,828.42	9,035.63	- 16.6%
Dare	61	60	- 1.6%	14,401.75	14,063.98	- 2.4%
Gates	30	22	- 26.7%	5,837.68	5,919.12	+ 1.4%
Pasquotank	158	184	+ 16.5%	23,369.97	33,162.34	+ 42.0%
Perquimans	47	64	+ 36.2%	9,185.00	12,469.28	+ 35.8%
District Totals	**435**	**486**	**+ 11.7%**	**$ 78,429.96**	**$ 96,550.74**	**+ 23.1%**
District 2						
Beaufort	178	221	+ 24.2%	$ 29,948.50	$ 40,050.15	+ 33.7%
Hyde	16	25	+ 56.3%	2,624.03	5,753.73	+119.3%
Martin	122	155	+ 27.1%	16,222.79	23,501.72	+ 44.9%
Tyrrell	19	31	+ 63.2%	2,355.00	7,954.20	+237.8%
Washington	49	98	+100.0%	7,476.83	13,137.61	+ 75.7%
District Totals	**384**	**530**	**+ 38.0%**	**$ 58,627.15**	**$ 90,397.41**	**+ 54.2%**
District 3						
Carteret	204	284	+ 39.2%	$ 32,866.52	$ 61,707.96	+ 87.8%
Craven	377	418	+ 10.9%	64,466.44	90,737.75	+ 40.8%
Pamlico	33	50	+ 51.5%	4,671.95	11,974.95	+156.3%
Pitt	680	888	+ 30.6%	140,514.57	190,720.53	+ 35.7%
District Totals	**1,294**	**1,640**	**+ 26.7%**	**$ 242,519.48**	**$ 355,141.19**	**+ 46.4%**
District 4						
Duplin	183	299	+ 63.4%	$ 39,405.00	$ 80,302.75	+103.8%
Jones	92	64	- 30.4%	14,697.98	14,826.00	+ 0.9%
Onslow	633	677	+ 7.0%	119,004.20	145,078.22	+ 21.9%
Sampson	277	390	+ 40.8%	51,212.60	77,459.62	+ 51.3%
District Totals	**1,185**	**1,430**	**+ 20.7%**	**$ 224,319.78**	**$ 317,666.59**	**+ 41.6%**
District 5						
New Hanover	454	590	+ 30.0%	$ 101,470.03	$ 145,204.75	+ 43.1%
Pender	54	89	+ 64.8%	8,533.69	14,626.21	+ 71.4%
District Totals	**508**	**679**	**+ 33.7%**	**$ 110,003.72**	**$ 159,830.96**	**+ 45.3%**
District 6						
Bertie	113	161	+ 42.5%	$ 14,295.02	$ 22,487.49	+ 57.3%
Halifax	350	420	+ 20.0%	48,214.17	67,862.71	+ 40.8%
Hertford	156	197	+ 26.3%	19,521.30	25,072.78	+ 28.4%
Northampton	67	108	+ 61.2%	9,285.80	13,563.20	+ 46.1%
District Totals	**686**	**886**	**+ 29.2%**	**$ 91,316.29**	**$128,986.18**	**+ 41.3%**
District 7						
Edgecombe	441	427	- 3.2%	$ 87,228.50	$ 64,835.72	- 25.7%
Nash	393	430	+ 9.4%	77,253.52	69,296.15	- 10.3%
Wilson	383	498	+ 30.0%	73,407.51	85,367.51	+ 16.3%
District Totals	**1,217**	**1,355**	**+ 11.3%**	**$ 237,889.53**	**$ 219,499.38**	**- 7.7%**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers Of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 1978-79 and 1979-80

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1978-79	1979-80	% Increase or Decrease	1978-79	1979-80	% Increase or Decrease
District 8						
Greene	71	98	+ 38.0%	$ 12,300.02	$ 15,708.63	+ 27.7%
Lenoir	558	767	+ 37.5%	67,926.07	89,193.41	+ 31.3%
Wayne	707	864	+ 22.2%	108,414.24	339,915.91	+213.5%
District Totals	**1,336**	**1,729**	**+ 29.4%**	**$ 188,640.33**	**$ 444,817.95**	**+135.8%**
District 9						
Franklin	180	164	- 8.9%	$ 29,568.65	$ 28,641.18	- 3.1%
Granville	210	267	+ 27.1%	36,866.98	42,959.98	+ 16.5%
Person	134	164	+ 22.4%	25,196.08	25,489.70	+ 1.2%
Vance	287	260	- 9.4%	42,964.76	41,674.44	- 3.0%
Warren	115	78	- 32.2%	16,921.17	18,435.50	+ 9.0%
District Totals	**926**	**933**	**+ 0.8%**	**$ 151,517.64**	**$ 157,200.80**	**+ 3.8%**
District 10						
Wake	1,897	1,851	- 2.4%	$ 271,289.92	$ 314,815.92	+ 16.0%
District 11						
Harnett	236	296	+ 25.4%	$ 37,447.62	$ 41,975.02	+ 12.1%
Johnston	491	609	+ 24.0%	48,197.60	75,798.27	+ 57.3%
Lee	224	264	+ 17.9%	27,004.50	34,018.64	+ 26.0%
District Totals	**951**	**1,169**	**+ 22.9%**	**$ 112,649.72**	**$ 151,791.93**	**+ 34.8%**
District 12						
Cumberland	180	224	+ 24.4%	$ 53,730.57	$ 65,632.55	+ 22.2%
Hoke	22	16	- 27.3%	3,100.00	2,275.00	- 26.6%
District Totals	**202**	**240**	**+ 18.8%**	**$ 56,830.57**	**$ 67,907.55**	**+ 19.5%**
District 13						
Bladen	228	289	+ 26.8%	$ 29,172.70	$ 34,370.73	+ 17.8%
Brunswick	117	192	+ 64.1%	17,552.41	24,635.77	+ 40.4%
Columbus	471	508	+ 7.9%	57,501.15	61,092.65	+ 6.3%
District Totals	**816**	**989**	**+ 21.2%**	**$ 104,226.26**	**$120,099.15**	**+ 15.2%**
District 14						
Durham	1,401	1,967	+ 40.4%	$ 228,282.50	$ 278,449.41	+ 22.0%
District 15A						
Alamance	622	782	+ 25.7%	$ 103,094.96	$ 118,353.77	+ 14.8%
District 15B						
Chatham	115	133	+ 15.7%	$ 17,913.14	$ 30,321.45	+ 69.3%
Orange	459	516	+ 12.4%	93,151.86	89,180.18	- 4.3%
District Totals	**574**	**649**	**+ 13.1%**	**$ 111,065.00**	**$ 119,501.63**	**+ 7.6%**
District 16						
Robeson	697	963	+ 38.2%	$ 118,943.20	$ 147,543.98	+ 24.1%
Scotland	260	373	+ 43.5%	36,314.33	52,754.40	+ 45.3%
District Totals	**957**	**1,336**	**+ 39.6%**	**$ 155,257.53**	**$ 200,298.38**	**+ 29.0%**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers Of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 1978-79 and 1979-80

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1978-79	1979-80		1978-79	1979-80	
District 17						
Caswell	117	176	+ 50.4%	$ 24,515.19	$ 26,833.13	+ 9.5%
Rockingham	428	680	+ 58.9%	73,387.01	97,878.76	+ 33.4%
Stokes	82	100	+ 22.0%	12,949.30	18,441.46	+ 42.4%
Surry	347	447	+ 28.8%	56,073.45	78,690.29	+ 40.3%
District Totals	**974**	**1,403**	**+ 44.1%**	**$ 166,924.95**	**$ 221,843.64**	**+ 32.9%**
District 18						
Guilford	489	599	+ 22.5%	$ 110,285.33	$ 203,227.11	+ 84.3%
District 19A						
Cabarrus	487	547	+ 12.3%	$ 87,676.91	$ 130,048.55	+ 48.3%
Rowan	838	1,013	+ 20.9%	95,556.85	137,009.00	+ 43.4%
District Totals	**1,325**	**1,560**	**+ 17.7%**	**$ 183,233.76**	**$ 267,057.55**	**+ 45.8%**
District 19B						
Montgomery	165	219	+ 32.7%	$ 24,467.05	$ 37,759.06	+ 54.3%
Randolph	367	389	+ 6.0%	83,353.65	63,203.10	24.2%
District Totals	**532**	**608**	**+ 14.3%**	**$ 107,820.70**	**$ 100,962.16**	**6.4%**
District 20						
Anson	244	204	- 16.4%	$ 34,778.24	$ 34,835.20	+ .2%
Moore	318	427	+ 34.3%	39,128.40	53,786.61	+ 37.5%
Richmond	418	481	+ 15.1%	$ 54,576.85	82,503.39	+ 51.2%
Stanly	322	334	+ 3.7%	48,561.88	46,827.40	3.6%
Union	390	435	+ 11.5%	43,850.94	66,825.38	+ 52.4%
District Totals	**1,692**	**1,881**	**+ 11.2%**	**$ 220,896.31**	**$ 284,777.98**	**+ 28.9%**
District 21						
Forsyth	2,245	2,714	+ 20.9%	$ 271,589.92	$ 360,829.83	+ 32.9%
District 22						
Alexander	95	176	+ 85.3%	$ 19,893.30	$ 24,069.60	+ 21.0%
Davidson	480	515	+ 7.3%	75,362.98	77,195.44	+ 2.4%
Davie	85	162	+ 90.6%	15,238.16	25,671.67	+ 68.5%
Iredell	338	520	+ 53.9%	51,180.14	74,267.78	+ 45.1%
District Totals	**998**	**1,373**	**+ 37.6%**	**$ 161,674.58**	**$ 201,204.49**	**+ 24.5%**
District 23						
Alleghany	26	47	+ 80.8%	$ 4,127.00	$ 5,850.00	+ 41.8%
Ashe	88	106	+ 20.5%	9,495.00	13,684.15	+ 44.1%
Wilkes	287	312	+ 8.7%	32,626.53	38,632.22	+ 18.4%
Yadkin	103	141	+ 36.9%	10,017.90	15,518.61	+ 54.9%
District Totals	**504**	**606**	**+ 20.2%**	**$ 56,266.43**	**$ 73,684.98**	**+ 31.0%**
District 24						
Avery	103	126	+ 22.3%	$ 21,330.07	$ 18,774.07	- 12.0%
Madison	67	96	+ 43.3%	8,148.57	16,419.54	+101.5%
Mitchell	71	65	- 8.5%	12,100.00	8,167.60	- 32.5%
Watauga	112	177	+ 58.0%	17,592.00	34,779.04	+ 97.7%
Yancey	34	25	- 26.5%	4,216.75	3,086.95	- 26.8%
District Totals	**387**	**489**	**+ 26.4%**	**$ 63,387.39**	**$ 81,227.20**	**+ 28.1%**

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Assigned Counsel — Numbers Of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 1978-79 and 1979-80

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1978-79	1979-80		1978-79	1979-80	
District 25						
Burke	472	426	- 9.8%	$ 83,115.39	$ 65,278.97	- 21.5%
Caldwell	409	471	+ 15.2%	61,840.00	67,448.55	+ 9.1%
Catawba	603	809	+ 34.2%	90,393.19	131,963.64	+ 46.0%
District Totals	**1,484**	**1,706**	**+ 15.0%**	**$ 235,348.58**	**$ 264,691.16**	**+ 12.5%**
District 26						
Mecklenburg	911	622	31.7%	$ 167,082.22	$ 157,983.09	5.5%
District 27A						
Gaston	88	122	+ 38.6%	$ 19,173.80	$ 31,546.75	+ 64.5%
District 27B						
Cleveland	285	320	+ 12.3%	$ 49,681.29	$ 76,508.18	+ 54.0%
Lincoln	184	237	+ 28.8%	25,997.50	36,533.63	+ 40.5%
District Totals	**469**	**557**	**+ 18.8%**	**$ 75,678.79**	**$ 113,041.81**	**+ 49.4%**
District 28						
Buncombe	121	150	+ 24.0%	$ 20,947.12	$ 23,968.04	+ 14.4%
District 29						
Henderson	334	326	- 2.4%	$ 45,067.41	$ 50,655.56	+ 12.4%
McDowell	193	261	+ 35.2%	26,900.45	63,060.69	+134.4%
Polk	48	71	+ 47.9%	5,718.61	10,816.75	+ 89.2%
Rutherford	188	284	+ 51.1%	23,767.34	39,983.13	+ 68.2%
Transylvania	111	112	+ .9%	13,019.86	23,701.80	+ 82.0%
District Totals	**874**	**1,054**	**+ 20.6%**	**$ 114,473.67**	**$ 188,217.93**	**+ 64.4%**
District 30						
Cherokee	79	103	+ 30.4%	$ 11,328.50	$ 12,771.30	+ 12.7%
Clay	21	29	+ 38.1%	4,984.87	4,557.00	- 8.6%
Graham	18	22	+ 22.2%	2,413.50	2,523.42	+ 4.6%
Haywood	240	260	+ 8.3%	30,557.66	28,950.47	- 5.3%
Jackson	52	85	+ 63.5%	6,514.00	9,123.63	+ 40.1%
Macon	76	108	+ 42.1%	7,031.37	11,318.75	+ 61.0%
Swain	28	32	+ 14.3%	4,921.66	4,897.85	- .5%
District Totals	**514**	**639**	**+ 24.3%**	**$ 67,751.56**	**$ 74,142.42**	**+ 9.4%**
STATE TOTALS	**28,998**	**34,734**	**+ 19.8%**	**$4,568,495.45**	**$5,989,715.08**	**+ 31.1%**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1980)

Positions authorized		Salary ranges
	SUPREME COURT	
7	Justices	$49,356-$50,400
23	Staff Personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff)	$ 6,492-$34,404
7	Secretarial personnel	$13,500-$14,100
	COURT OF APPEALS	
12	Judges	$46,728-$47,784
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks)	$ 7,308-$28,776
18	Secretarial personnel	$12,900-$13,500
	SUPERIOR COURT	
66	Judges	$41,484
67	Staff personnel	$12,900-$23,532
34	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,004-$12,324
	DISTRICT COURT	
133	Judges	$33,600-$34,920
603	Magistrates	$ 2,160-$13,308
34	Staff personnel	$ 9,108-$12,324
5	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,004-$12,324
	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS	
33	District Attorneys	$38,592
245	Staff personnel	$10,380-$35,496
66	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,004-$12,324
	CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT	
100	Clerks of Superior Court	$13,656-$32,556
1367	Staff personnel	$ 7,020-$20,388
7	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,004-$12,324
	INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	
5	Public Defenders	$38,592
48	Staff personnel	$11,940-$31,860
16	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,004-$12,324
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals	$15,504-$24,936
4	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,004-$10,836
	JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE	
281	Court counselors	$10,836-$22,428
46	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,004-$10,836
	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts	$44,100
1	Assistant Director for Legal Services	$31,500
1	Assistant Director for Management Services	$39,708
98	Staff personnel	$ 8,364-$32,820

PART IV

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

- Superior Court Division
- District Court Division

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* is designed to present the flow of cases through the State's trial courts by displaying pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is subdivided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections parallel each other in terms of organization. Total caseloads in each division are subdivided into criminal and civil case categories. Within each case category are three basic data tables: a "Caseload Inventory;" a table on the "Manner of Disposition" of the case disposed of during the year; and a table on the "Ages" of cases disposed of during the year and of cases pending at the end of the year.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseflow during the year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. For each category, the caseload inventory shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of that caseload which was disposed of. A separate summary table at the end of Part IV shows the 33 districts' and the 100 counties' comparative rankings (from 1 to 33 or from 1 to 100) in respect of this percentage of all case categories.

The manner of disposition table depict a breakdown of all cases disposed of. The types of dispositions included in these tables depend upon the case category in question. The aging tables show both the ages of the cases pending of June 30, 1980, as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1979-80. These tables also show both "mean" (average) and median ages for each set of cases — those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. Both of these summary statistics may be helpful in assessing data on ages of cases pending or cases disposed of, and in comparing data for a particular county or district with data for the State as a whole or data for previous years. The median age — by definition the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total and younger than the other 50%.

The mean age — the total of all the ages divided by the number of cases — provides a statistic for all the cases in a set. Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included among the cases pending or the cases disposed of. (For example, if only a single 2-year old case were included among ten cases aged 3 months, the median age would be 90.0 days and the mean age would be 148.2 days.) In any district or county, then, a substantial difference between the mean age and the median age indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending (or short-pending) cases.

The statistics in this section have been calculated from case reports submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is essentially a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. A system such as this one makes it difficult to achieve up-to-date accuracy, in all respects, at the end of any reporting period, and it should be recognized that additional information on the cases disposed of during 1979-80 not received in time for inclusion in the statistics presented here may necessitate revisions in the numbers shown for cases pending at the end of the year.

PART IV, Section 1

Superior Court Division
Caseflow Data

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THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow in 1979-80 of cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's superior courts (cases which must be handled by one of the State's superior court judges), and cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who, as *ex officio* judges of probate, have original jurisdiction over estates cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three kinds of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases; felony cases within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts; and misdemeanor appeals to superior court from the district court for trial *de novo*. In 1979-80, as the chart on the following page illustrates, filings of felony cases were the most common of these three categories; the 36,830 felony cases filed comprise about half of all case filing. Filings of misdemeanor appeals constituted about a third of the total, and filings of superior court civil cases about a sixth.

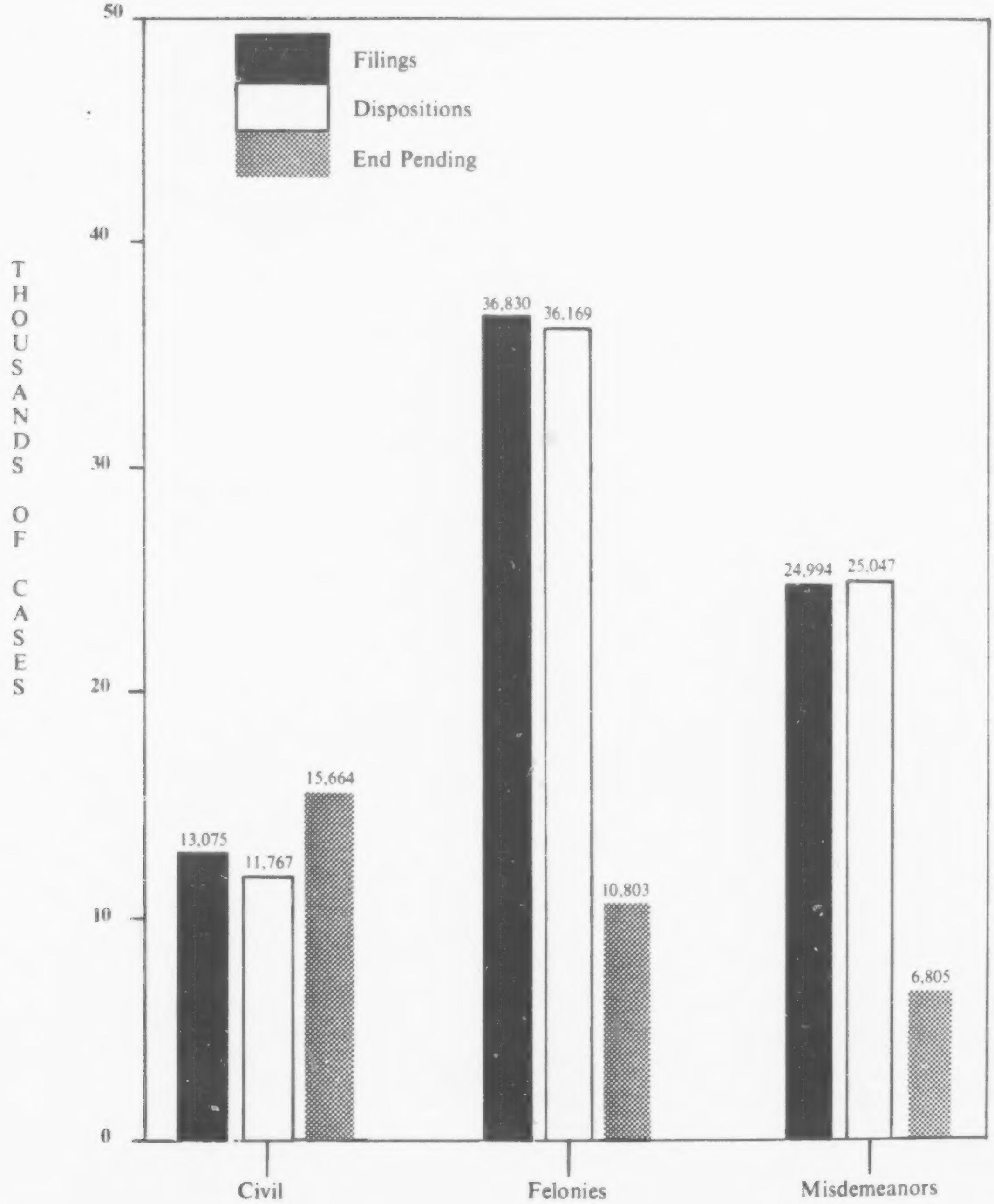
As the graph indicates, there are differences among the case types in the relationships between numbers of cases filed and disposed of during the year and the numbers of cases which remained pending at the end of the year. For the two criminal case categories (felony cases and misdemeanor appeals), the numbers filed and disposed of during the year are considerably larger than the numbers pending at year's end; on the other hand, there are more civil cases pending at year's end than were filed or disposed of during the year. These summary figures suggest that the "typical" superior court civil case takes longer to dispose of than the "typical" felony case or misdemeanor appeal.

This conclusion is reinforced by the data on the ages of the superior court cases pending on June 30, 1980 and the ages of the superior court cases disposed of during 1979-80. The chart on the second of the following pages summarizes these data by presenting median ages for each of the three case types. The superior court civil cases pending on June 30, 1980 has a median age of 297.0 days (almost ten months), while the felony cases pending had a median age of 72.6 days and the misdemeanor appeals a median age of 66.4 days (between two and two and a half months). Similarly, the superior court civil cases disposed of during 1979-80 had a median age of 298.3 days at the time of their disposition, while the median age of the felony cases disposed of during the year was 68.2 days and the median age of the misdemeanor appeals was 59.2 days.

The differences in the ages of civil cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts, and the ages of criminal cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts, can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the U.S. and North Carolina Constitutions, and current North Carolina statutes prescribe that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the good causes specified in the statutes. No comparable "standard" for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or *delay*" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for injury "in his lands, goods, person or reputation" (Article I, Section 18; emphasis added).

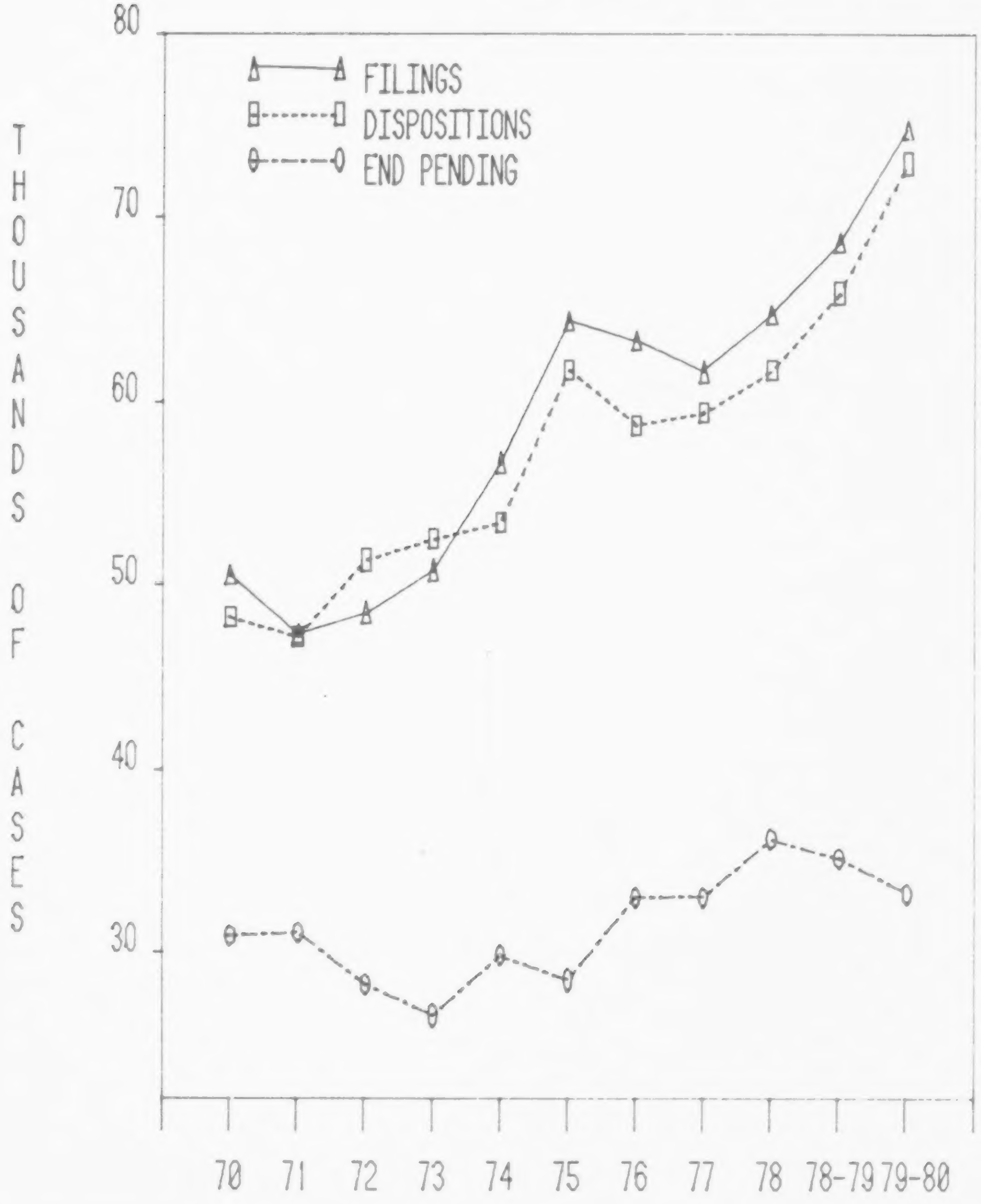
THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Superior Court Caseload
1979-80



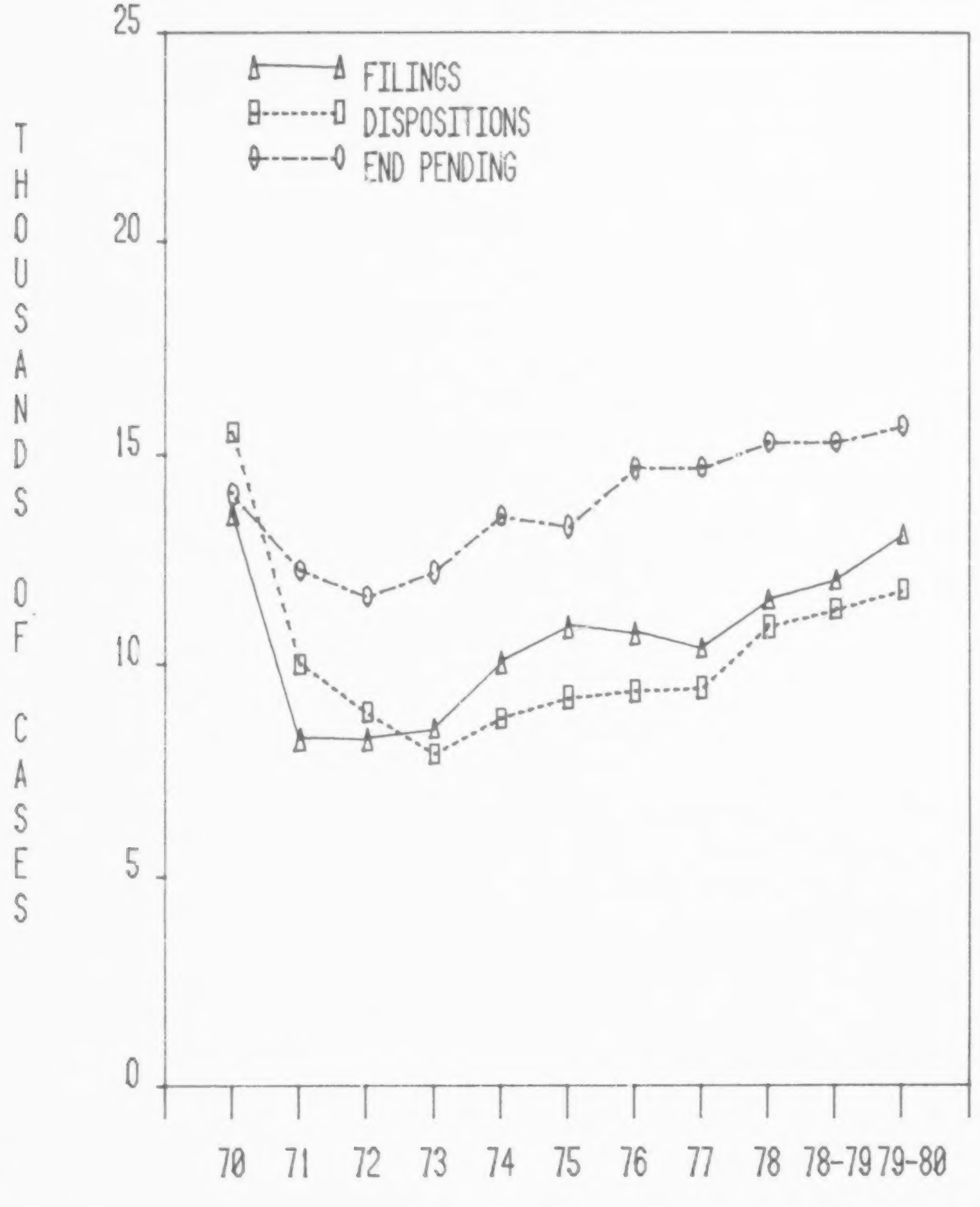
Felony cases accounted for almost half of the caseload before the superior courts during the 1979-80 year. 49.2% of the cases filed in superior court and 49.6% of those disposed were felony cases.

CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
1970-1980



The upward trend of filings and dispositions and the recent downward trend of pending cases in this graph are a direct reflection of criminal case domination in the superior courts. Of the total superior court case volume during the 1979-80 year, 82.5% of the filings and 83.9% of the dispositions were criminal cases.

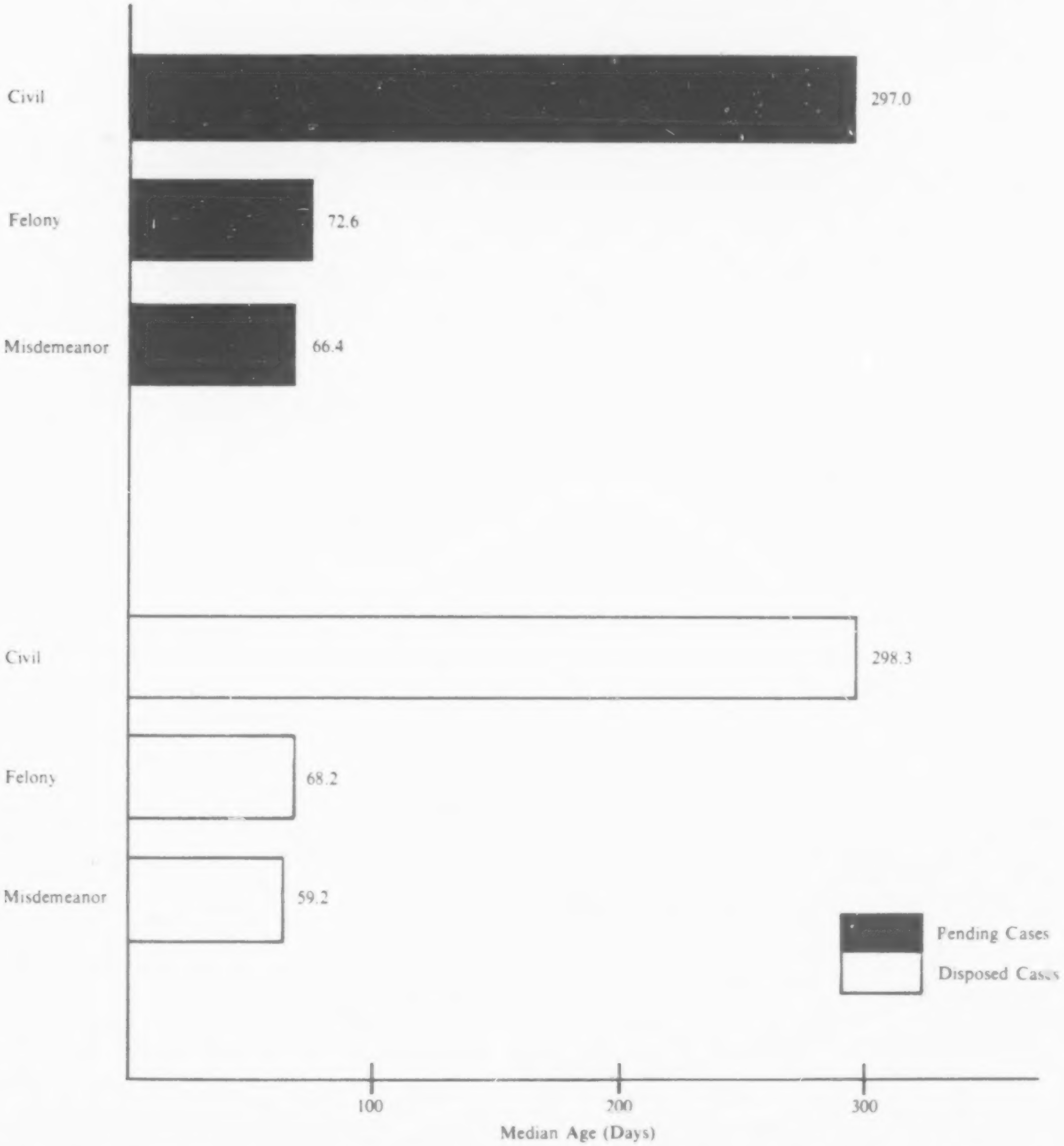
CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS 1970-1980



Civil cases in the superior courts do not exhibit the same trends as will be seen for criminal cases. Between the 1978-79 and 1979-80 years, filings increased 8.7%, while cases disposed increased by only 3.9%. This relationship between filings and dispositions has helped to boost the pending caseload by 2.6% during the past year.

Lifetimes of Superior Court Cases

Median Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and of Cases Disposed During 1797-80



The median age of a case category is a value such that 50% of all cases are younger and 50% of all cases are older than this value; it is the 50th percentile of ages. As shown in this graph, the median age of civil cases pending at year-end was 297.0 days, while the median age at disposition of all civil superior cases disposed during the year was 298.3 days. Criminal cases must generally take less time through the courts, and their lifetimes can be viewed in light of the speedy trial statute. Of the pending cases on June 30, 1980, 33.7% of the felonies and 32.6% of the misdemeanors were over 120 days old.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
District 1						
Camden	11	14	25	12	48.0	13
Chowan	33	27	60	26	43.3	34
Currituck	37	22	59	33	55.9	26
Dare	86	75	161	92	57.1	69
Gates	12	10	22	16	72.7	6
Pasquotank	44	50	94	54	57.4	40
Perquimans	22	24	46	28	60.8	18
District Totals	245	222	467	261	55.8	206
District 2						
Beaufort	92	51	143	70	48.9	73
Hyde	16	11	27	8	29.6	19
Martin	37	33	70	34	48.5	36
Tyrrell	9	0	9	5	55.5	4
Washington	36	23	59	19	32.2	40
District Totals	190	118	308	136	44.1	172
District 3						
Carteret	134	143	277	131	47.2	146
Craven	214	140	354	155	43.7	199
Pamlico	27	28	55	26	47.2	29
Pitt	176	210	386	186	48.1	200
District Totals	551	521	1,072	498	46.4	574
District 4						
Duplin	77	71	148	70	47.2	78
Jones	20	27	47	11	23.4	36
Onslow	161	121	282	137	48.5	145
Sampson	67	92	159	91	57.2	68
District Totals	325	311	636	309	48.5	327
District 5						
New Hanover	231	144	375	120	32.0	255
Pender	43	25	68	11	16.1	57
District Totals	274	169	443	131	29.5	312
District 6						
Bertie	43	27	70	34	48.5	36
Halifax	91	70	161	68	42.2	93
Hertford	62	42	104	58	55.7	46
Northampton	40	40	80	40	50.0	40
District Totals	236	179	415	200	48.1	215
District 7						
Edgecombe	116	91	207	110	53.1	97
Nash	170	112	282	104	36.8	178
Wilson	155	120	275	133	48.3	142
District Totals	441	323	764	347	45.4	417
District 8						
Greene	18	12	30	14	46.6	16
Lenoir	151	149	300	124	41.3	176
Wayne	187	152	339	170	50.1	169
District Totals	356	313	669	308	46.0	361
District 9						
Franklin	73	46	119	45	37.8	74
Granville	43	45	88	28	31.8	60
Person	58	56	114	41	35.9	73
Vance	103	59	162	42	25.9	120
Warren	56	26	82	11	13.4	71
District Totals	333	232	565	167	29.5	398
District 10						
Wake	957	1,163	2,120	1,078	50.8	1,042

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

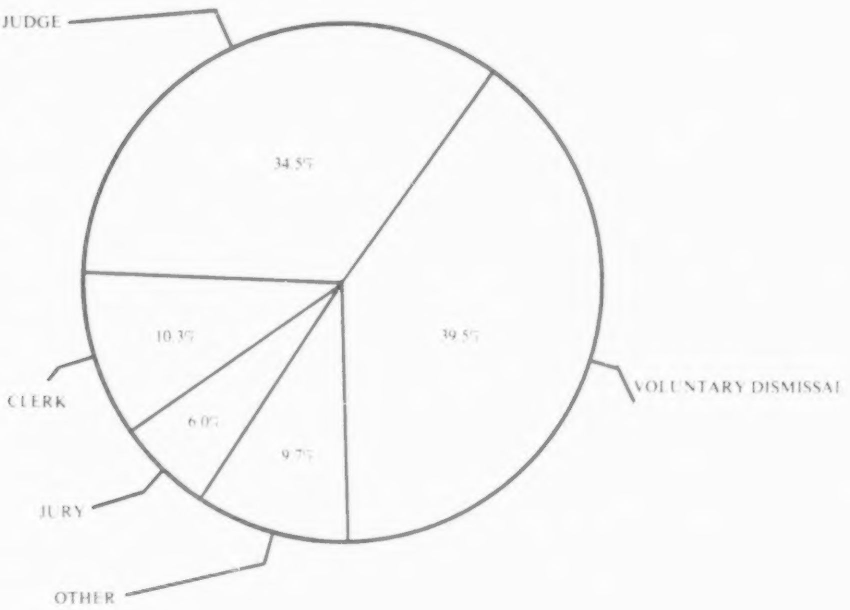
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
District 11						
Harnett	125	127	252	99	39.2	153
Johnston	155	179	334	116	34.7	218
Lee	71	97	168	59	35.1	109
District Totals	351	403	754	274	36.3	480
District 12						
Cumberland	381	290	671	291	43.3	380
Hoke	12	15	27	10	37.0	17
District Totals	393	305	698	301	43.1	397
District 13						
Bladen	30	43	73	31	42.4	42
Brunswick	95	37	132	60	45.4	72
Columbus	160	88	248	106	42.7	142
District Totals	285	168	453	197	43.4	256
District 14						
Durham	684	403	1,087	445	40.9	642
District 15A						
Alamance	164	184	348	169	48.5	179
District 15B						
Chatham	66	65	131	71	54.1	60
Orange	114	164	278	117	42.0	161
District Totals	180	229	409	188	45.9	221
District 16						
Robeson	74	113	187	106	56.6	81
Scotland	30	22	52	21	40.3	31
District Totals	104	135	239	127	53.1	112
District 17						
Caswell	15	16	31	8	25.8	23
Rockingham	140	108	248	128	51.6	120
Stokes	35	23	58	31	53.4	27
Surry	135	115	250	113	45.2	137
District Totals	325	262	587	280	47.7	307
District 18						
Guilford						
Greensboro	887	760	1,647	525	31.8	1,122
High Point	289	171	460	132	28.6	328
District Totals	1,176	931	2,107	657	31.1	1,450
District 19A						
Cabarrus	193	107	300	141	47.0	159
Rowan	127	126	253	139	54.9	114
District Totals	320	233	553	280	50.6	273
District 19B						
Montgomery	35	19	54	29	53.7	25
Randolph	153	126	279	165	59.1	114
District Totals	188	145	333	194	58.2	139
District 20						
Anson	91	52	143	57	39.8	86
Moore	130	130	260	74	28.4	186
Richmond	84	75	159	53	33.3	106
Stanly	67	40	107	41	38.3	66
Union	157	139	296	137	46.2	159
District Totals	529	436	965	362	37.5	603

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
District 21						
Forsyth	767	670	1,437	616	42.8	821
District 22						
Alexander	19	37	56	25	44.6	31
Davidson	134	176	310	134	43.2	176
Davie	19	33	52	32	61.5	20
Iredell	126	153	279	148	53.0	131
District Totals	298	399	697	339	48.6	358
District 23						
Alleghany	15	27	42	17	40.4	25
Ashe	50	20	70	12	17.1	58
Wilkes	150	183	333	161	48.3	172
Yadkin	33	33	66	41	62.1	25
District Totals	248	263	511	231	45.2	280
District 24						
Avery	43	32	75	51	68.0	24
Madison	38	26	64	30	46.8	34
Mitchell	39	39	78	36	46.1	42
Watauga	66	55	121	63	52.0	58
Yancey	21	71	92	29	31.5	63
District Totals	207	223	430	209	48.6	221
District 25						
Burke	199	125	324	145	44.7	179
Caldwell	135	189	324	158	48.7	166
Catawba	211	285	496	251	50.6	245
District Totals	545	599	1,144	554	48.4	590
District 26						
Mecklenburg	1,882	1,842	3,724	1,320	35.4	2,404
District 27A						
Gaston	457	369	826	372	45.0	454
District 27B						
Cleveland	155	159	314	157	50.0	157
Lincoln	46	74	120	58	48.3	62
District Totals	201	233	434	215	49.5	219
District 28						
Buncombe	409	500	909	456	50.1	453
District 29						
Henderson	151	113	264	127	48.1	137
McDowell	50	46	96	45	46.8	51
Polk	25	15	40	14	35.0	26
Rutherford	74	71	145	70	48.2	75
Transylvania	52	43	95	42	44.2	53
District Totals	352	288	640	298	46.5	342
District 30						
Cherokee	34	25	59	18	30.5	41
Clay	8	8	16	7	43.7	9
Graham	18	11	29	12	41.3	17
Haywood	99	80	179	72	40.2	107
Jackson	117	86	203	53	26.1	150
Macon	80	49	129	64	49.6	65
Swain	27	45	72	22	30.5	50
District Totals	383	304	687	248	36.0	439
STATE TOTALS	14,356	13,075	27,431	11,767	42.8	15,664

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES 1979-80



As indicated by the above graph, voluntary dismissals account for the largest segment of dispositions of superior court civil cases, with the next largest segment consisting of those cases handled before a judge without a jury. Jury trials accounted for only 6.0% of the total number of dispositions.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1						
Camden	12	5	0	1	5	1
Chowan	26	7	0	4	12	3
Currituck	33	18	1	4	9	1
Dare	92	44	0	17	29	2
Gates	16	4	1	5	6	0
Pasquotank	54	17	3	15	7	12
Perquimans	28	11	2	9	5	1
District Totals	261	106	7	55	73	20
District 2						
Beaufort	70	34	0	6	21	9
Hyde	8	2	0	2	4	0
Martin	34	10	3	8	10	3
Tyrrell	5	3	0	0	1	1
Washington	19	5	2	4	6	2
District Totals	136	54	5	20	42	15
District 3						
Carteret	131	39	9	12	65	6
Craven	155	41	7	22	82	3
Pamlico	26	5	1	4	11	5
Pitt	186	56	11	17	85	17
District Totals	498	141	28	55	243	31
District 4						
Duplin	70	24	13	9	22	2
Jones	11	1	0	7	3	0
Onslow	137	38	4	22	72	1
Sampson	91	19	8	17	41	6
District Totals	309	82	25	55	138	9
District 5						
New Hanover	120	59	5	11	45	0
Pender	11	4	0	3	2	2
District Totals	131	63	5	14	47	2
District 6						
Bertie	34	8	2	2	18	4
Halifax	68	24	4	5	12	23
Hertford	58	23	5	10	19	1
Northampton	40	20	1	5	2	12
District Totals	200	75	12	22	51	40
District 7						
Edgecombe	110	44	7	10	49	0
Nash	104	35	1	5	61	2
Wilson	133	51	12	10	60	0
District Totals	347	130	20	25	170	2
District 8						
Greene	14	7	0	1	6	0
Lenoir	124	42	13	23	46	0
Wayne	170	86	7	24	51	2
District Totals	308	135	20	48	103	2
District 9						
Franklin	45	15	0	2	2	26
Granville	28	8	0	3	15	2
Person	41	21	1	0	16	3
Vance	42	13	0	3	22	4
Warren	11	5	0	1	2	3
District Totals	167	62	1	9	57	38
District 10						
Wake	1,078	446	51	105	467	9

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

District 11	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Harnett	99	34	2	5	49	9
Johnston	116	34	5	15	44	18
Lee	59	17	0	5	9	28
District Totals	274	85	7	25	102	55
District 12						
Cumberland	291	118	7	15	151	0
Hoke	10	3	0	1	3	3
District Totals	301	121	7	16	154	3
District 13						
Bladen	31	10	3	0	13	5
Brunswick	60	21	6	2	8	23
Columbus	106	28	10	6	61	1
District Totals	197	59	19	8	82	29
District 14						
Durham	445	98	42	39	204	62
District 15A						
Alamance	169	50	10	16	84	9
District 15B						
Chatham	71	38	4	6	23	0
Orange	117	40	10	10	39	18
District Totals	188	78	14	16	62	18
District 16						
Robeson	106	49	11	8	28	10
Scotland	21	7	0	3	11	0
District Totals	127	56	11	11	39	10
District 17						
Caswell	8	6	0	1	0	1
Rockingham	128	52	15	6	55	0
Stokes	31	10	0	1	18	2
Surry	113	13	14	10	62	14
District Totals	280	81	29	18	135	17
District 18						
Guilford						
Greensboro	525	173	41	60	247	4
High Point	132	52	7	19	51	3
District Totals	657	225	48	79	298	7
District 19A						
Cabarrus	141	36	12	13	78	2
Rowan	139	41	12	8	74	4
District Totals	280	77	24	21	152	6
District 19B						
Montgomery	29	11	0	3	4	11
Randolph	165	91	1	9	61	3
District Totals	194	102	1	12	65	14
District 20						
Anson	57	34	0	2	17	4
Moore	74	29	3	10	1	31
Richmond	53	28	0	14	1	10
Stanly	41	12	0	3	21	5
Union	137	44	12	15	62	4
District Totals	362	147	15	44	102	54

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

District 21	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Forsyth	616	193	33	72	305	13
District 22						
Alexander	25	8	1	3	11	2
Davidson	134	46	7	6	71	4
Davie	32	6	1	2	23	0
Iredell	148	30	8	31	35	44
District Totals	339	90	17	42	140	50
District 23						
Alleghany	17	8	1	2	4	2
Ashe	12	9	1	0	2	0
Wilkes	161	63	10	19	63	6
Yadkin	41	9	7	3	22	0
District Totals	231	89	19	24	91	8
District 24						
Avery	51	22	2	3	15	9
Madison	30	17	1	1	4	7
Mitchell	36	15	0	6	15	0
Watauga	63	15	2	11	33	2
Yancey	29	14	1	3	11	0
District Totals	209	83	6	24	78	18
District 25						
Burke	145	40	16	10	75	4
Caldwell	158	41	13	24	65	15
Catawba	251	87	7	47	110	0
District Totals	554	168	36	81	250	19
District 26						
Mecklenburg	1,320	376	78	144	251	471
District 27A						
Gaston	372	132	19	24	192	5
District 27B						
Cleveland	157	47	6	21	75	8
Lincoln	58	20	4	7	25	2
District Totals	215	67	10	28	100	10
District 28						
Buncombe	456	172	61	18	170	35
District 29						
Henderson	127	50	6	9	58	4
McDowell	45	19	0	5	18	3
Polk	14	3	2	0	7	2
Rutherford	70	26	6	2	35	1
Transylvania	42	16	5	2	19	0
District Totals	298	114	19	18	137	10
District 30						
Cherokee	18	8	0	1	0	9
Clay	7	3	0	2	2	0
Graham	12	4	3	1	2	2
Haywood	72	32	0	5	31	4
Jackson	53	26	0	3	17	7
Macon	64	22	1	11	10	20
Swain	22	8	1	1	9	3
District Totals	248	103	5	24	71	45
STATE TOTALS	11,767	4,060	704	1,212	4,655	1,136

Ages of Civil Cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 1	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
Camden	13	260.3	206.7	2	3	5	3	0	12	357.5	237.5	3	0	6	1	2
Chowan	34	868.2	456.5	1	5	8	9	11	26	272.6	207.5	6	4	12	1	3
Currituck	26	453.3	353.5	3	5	5	8	5	33	342.6	280.0	4	6	11	9	3
Dare	69	434.5	282.0	12	16	12	15	14	92	583.2	435.5	22	10	9	23	28
Gates	6	413.3	167.5	0	3	1	0	2	16	342.9	245.5	4	3	4	3	2
Pasquotank	40	277.5	116.5	16	8	3	11	2	54	255.8	200.5	14	7	20	12	1
Perquimans	18	254.1	166.5	5	4	3	6	0	28	298.4	165.5	10	5	7	3	3
District Totals	206	450.6	276.5	39	44	37	52	34	261	398.4	255.8	63	35	69	52	42
District 2																
Beaufort	73	644.4	422.0	13	8	12	22	18	70	898.7	472.5	10	5	13	18	24
Hyde	19	412.1	407.0	3	2	3	9	2	8	521.9	317.5	1	1	2	2	2
Martin	36	500.2	340.5	6	5	8	9	8	34	356.1	256.5	9	5	6	9	5
Tyrrell	4	983.0	766.5	0	0	0	1	3	5	757.4	966.0	0	0	1	1	3
Washington	40	691.6	432.5	6	3	6	11	14	19	443.2	232.0	7	1	5	1	5
District Totals	172	607.4	417.5	28	18	29	52	45	136	672.1	392.8	27	12	27	31	39
District 3																
Carteret	146	289.8	229.1	26	39	44	23	14	131	455.7	339.0	22	15	30	40	24
Craven	199	470.7	336.0	41	28	34	52	44	155	473.7	377.0	27	19	26	47	36
Pamlico	29	269.1	290.7	8	3	8	10	0	26	306.9	167.5	5	8	6	4	3
Pitt	200	398.0	268.5	50	34	48	42	26	186	401.8	270.5	45	28	41	42	30
District Totals	574	389.2	267.5	125	104	134	127	84	498	433.4	322.0	99	70	103	133	93
District 4																
Duplin	78	585.0	328.5	10	13	22	21	12	70	399.9	256.5	20	5	15	16	14
Jones	36	524.0	344.5	7	5	6	8	10	11	222.2	80.0	6	3	0	0	2
Onslow	145	415.1	352.0	30	25	21	48	21	137	487.4	295.0	26	22	36	27	26
Sampson	68	392.4	206.5	21	9	16	9	13	91	256.3	173.0	33	14	23	16	5
District Totals	327	462.9	324.0	68	52	65	86	56	309	390.1	250.4	85	44	74	59	47
District 5																
New Hanover	255	482.0	411.0	33	23	53	87	59	120	393.1	285.5	23	20	26	30	21
Pender	57	628.6	564.0	10	2	9	11	25	11	417.4	181.0	2	3	2	1	3
District Totals	312	508.8	424.5	43	25	62	98	84	131	395.1	285.0	25	23	28	31	24
District 6																
Bertie	36	479.0	352.5	5	4	9	11	7	34	605.9	274.5	7	3	9	6	9
Halifax	93	481.5	298.0	16	19	14	23	21	68	651.0	377.5	10	10	13	17	18
Hertford	46	400.5	341.5	5	6	13	14	8	58	415.8	272.5	14	7	16	10	11
Northampton	40	372.9	260.5	9	6	15	5	5	40	502.9	466.5	7	3	6	20	4
District Totals	215	443.5	332.7	35	35	51	53	41	200	545.5	336.6	38	23	44	52	42

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District 7																
Edgecombe	97	500.8	314.0	21	14	15	26	21	110	414.0	334.0	20	12	27	36	15
Nash	178	614.4	414.5	33	21	24	48	52	104	359.9	229.5	27	16	20	26	15
Wilson	142	442.0	249.5	30	31	23	33	25	133	602.9	396.0	20	18	21	37	37
District Totals	417	529.3	347.0	84	66	62	107	98	347	470.2	334.6	67	46	68	99	67
District 8																
Greene	16	304.3	80.5	8	2	1	2	3	14	653.0	466.5	1	2	1	7	3
Lenoir	176	356.5	243.5	38	33	35	50	20	124	430.0	394.5	32	16	11	43	22
Wayne	169	443.0	285.0	35	26	34	46	28	170	511.5	331.5	46	16	26	41	41
District Totals	361	394.7	248.7	81	61	70	98	51	308	485.1	383.8	79	34	38	91	66
District 9																
Franklin	74	708.4	431.5	12	8	11	15	28	45	505.9	447.0	8	3	9	16	9
Granville	60	427.5	333.5	12	6	13	17	12	28	309.0	208.5	9	2	8	6	3
Person	73	448.4	346.0	15	8	15	25	10	41	362.9	320.7	8	5	12	10	6
Vance	120	607.5	475.5	14	12	19	40	35	42	313.8	216.5	12	6	10	10	4
Warren	71	1,742.5	656.3	7	4	11	18	31	11	750.8	249.0	3	1	2	1	4
District Totals	398	772.4	446.5	60	38	69	115	116	167	405.6	292.0	40	17	41	43	26
District 10																
Wake	1,042	274.4	201.2	313	179	265	207	78	1,078	350.8	269.0	258	146	248	310	116
District 11																
Harnett	153	441.5	310.7	27	23	39	30	34	99	415.8	263.0	22	19	18	17	23
Johnston	218	529.3	338.5	52	22	41	47	56	116	318.7	124.5	53	16	10	19	18
Lee	109	454.7	269.0	27	15	22	24	21	59	319.4	160.0	17	14	15	6	7
District Totals	480	484.4	313.5	106	60	102	101	111	274	353.9	166.0	92	49	43	42	48
District 12																
Cumberland	380	395.5	327.5	68	53	85	112	62	291	452.6	346.0	47	32	68	86	58
Hoke	17	373.9	279.0	3	2	6	3	3	10	514.5	284.5	3	0	3	0	4
District Totals	397	394.6	326.7	71	55	91	115	65	301	454.7	344.2	50	32	71	86	62
District 13																
Bladen	42	327.6	235.5	13	4	9	14	2	31	422.5	285.0	14	0	4	6	7
Brunswick	72	567.7	430.5	7	8	12	26	19	60	783.0	642.5	8	4	10	12	26
Columbus	142	486.5	380.5	12	25	30	48	27	106	687.8	519.5	16	10	17	18	45
District Totals	256	483.3	380.5	32	37	51	88	48	197	675.0	519.2	38	14	31	36	78

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District 14																
Durham	642	519.9	395.7	95	73	142	184	148	445	866.7	781.0	64	43	33	72	233
District 15A																
Alamance	179	412.6	252.7	44	16	61	37	21	169	306.4	235.2	48	22	47	40	12
District 15B																
Chatham	60	344.4	268.5	17	7	13	15	8	71	413.6	349.0	20	6	14	17	14
Orange	161	238.0	173.7	45	40	39	30	7	117	340.9	258.0	27	18	28	37	7
District Totals	221	266.9	199.0	62	47	52	45	15	188	368.4	280.4	47	24	42	54	21
District 16																
Robeson	81	341.9	194.0	13	25	19	16	8	106	223.0	135.5	41	19	22	19	5
Scotland	31	607.1	348.0	0	7	9	7	8	21	325.6	94.0	10	2	2	4	3
District Totals	112	415.3	248.5	13	32	28	23	16	127	240.0	135.0	51	21	24	23	8
District 17																
Caswell	23	364.3	324.0	1	1	11	9	1	8	340.1	377.5	3	0	0	4	1
Rockingham	120	312.8	229.5	33	18	27	33	9	128	427.9	412.0	23	12	18	58	17
Stokes	27	363.4	282.0	5	5	4	10	3	31	339.5	285.0	7	3	11	6	4
Surry	137	325.4	243.0	30	25	31	40	11	113	446.2	479.6	14	13	16	56	14
District Totals	307	326.7	277.0	69	49	73	92	24	280	423.0	410.4	47	28	45	124	36
District 18																
Guilford																
Greensboro	1,122	606.3	387.1	190	137	214	267	314	525	368.2	221.0	145	92	104	117	67
High Point	328	918.6	562.5	41	35	44	62	146	132	479.9	293.5	39	14	17	36	26
District Totals	1,450	676.9	426.5	231	172	258	329	460	657	390.6	234.2	184	106	121	153	93
District 19A																
Cabarrus	159	471.0	386.7	28	22	28	43	38	141	766.1	743.0	24	10	8	26	73
Rowan	114	328.8	206.5	30	20	30	19	15	139	429.2	372.0	34	11	22	45	27
District Totals	273	411.6	284.0	58	42	58	62	53	280	598.9	506.2	58	21	30	71	100
District 19B																
Montgomery	25	457.2	344.0	3	1	9	7	5	29	372.8	303.0	3	6	7	11	2
Randolph	114	308.7	208.5	21	24	41	13	15	165	392.4	349.9	28	12	66	39	20
District Totals	139	335.4	229.0	24	25	50	20	20	194	389.5	250.4	31	18	73	50	22

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District 20																
Anson	86	649.3	414.5	18	11	11	15	31	57	643.4	588.0	8	6	8	10	25
Moore	186	405.3	307.5	40	18	40	58	30	74	334.3	262.5	24	7	15	17	11
Richmond	106	446.1	344.5	21	12	23	31	19	53	495.8	316.0	9	6	12	12	14
Stanly	66	633.3	383.5	7	14	11	10	24	41	506.4	474.0	4	4	6	21	6
Union	159	429.4	289.0	31	29	34	35	30	137	400.0	293.7	39	13	25	41	19
District Totals	603	478.6	327.0	117	84	119	149	134	362	451.0	343.6	84	36	66	101	75
District 21																
Forsyth	821	451.0	321.2	136	127	180	214	164	616	406.5	279.5	178	64	103	155	116
District 22																
Alexander	31	195.5	108.0	13	7	7	3	1	25	256.0	258.0	10	1	5	8	1
Davidson	176	264.2	233.5	50	21	56	39	10	134	345.2	285.5	31	19	33	39	12
Davie	20	216.0	125.5	6	7	3	3	1	32	247.8	203.5	14	0	10	6	2
Iredell	131	314.7	282.0	28	10	47	37	9	148	283.7	222.5	49	18	29	40	12
District Totals	358	274.0	229.5	97	45	113	82	21	339	302.6	258.8	104	38	77	93	27
District 23																
Alleghany	25	215.5	199.0	5	5	11	4	0	17	258.5	312.0	5	1	6	5	0
Ashe	58	547.5	642.9	9	3	5	20	21	12	432.7	405.5	1	1	2	7	1
Wilkes	172	264.3	215.5	48	29	48	40	7	161	319.3	271.7	36	19	44	53	9
Yadkin	25	267.7	215.0	6	6	5	8	0	41	315.9	289.0	8	8	9	15	1
District Totals	280	318.9	242.0	68	43	69	72	28	231	320.1	281.4	50	29	61	80	11
District 24																
Avery	24	361.3	216.5	6	4	5	8	1	51	420.6	334.0	7	10	11	14	9
Madison	34	300.5	277.5	9	4	8	12	1	30	381.1	378.5	3	1	10	14	2
Mitchell	42	357.3	115.5	19	5	6	7	5	36	326.9	214.5	11	2	11	8	4
Watauga	58	326.4	270.5	12	10	12	21	3	63	284.0	252.7	19	5	18	19	2
Yancey	63	226.5	199.0	7	23	27	6	0	29	263.8	265.7	6	5	10	7	1
District Totals	221	303.6	215.7	53	46	58	54	10	209	335.9	274.4	46	23	60	62	18
District 25																
Burke	179	635.5	458.0	33	22	24	32	68	145	407.8	275.0	30	25	39	17	34
Caldwell	166	280.6	151.5	51	39	33	28	15	158	279.6	252.5	49	15	44	44	6
Catawba	245	262.3	221.3	66	44	59	70	6	251	261.2	188.0	69	47	74	52	9
District Totals	590	380.7	240.0	150	105	116	130	89	554	304.8	225.2	148	87	157	113	49
District 26																
Mecklenburg	2,404	414.2	307.0	499	336	514	664	391	1,320	353.7	261.5	345	194	241	393	147

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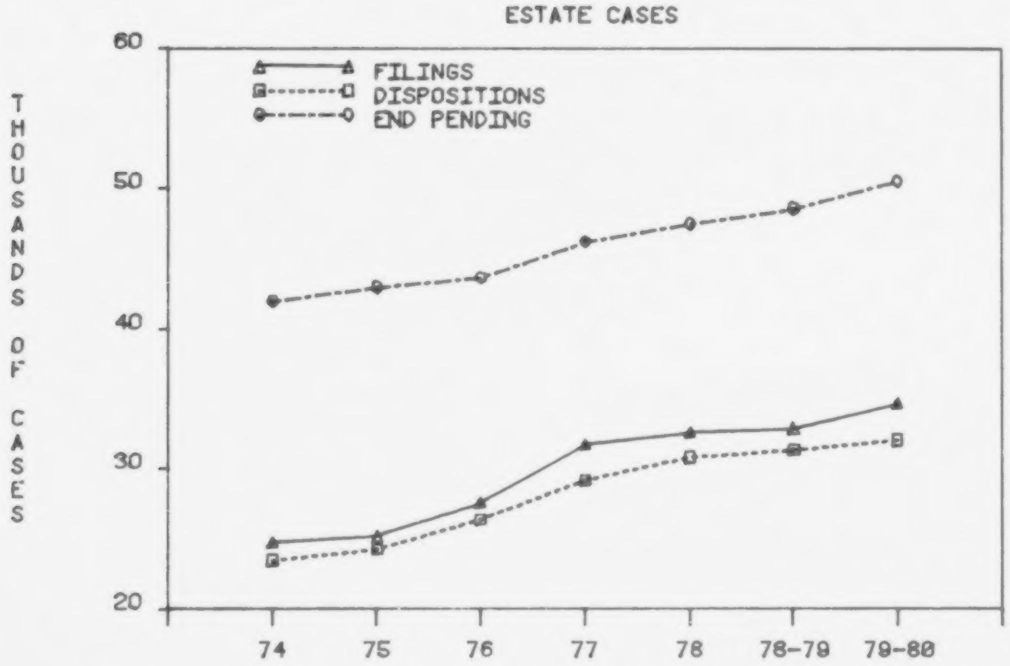
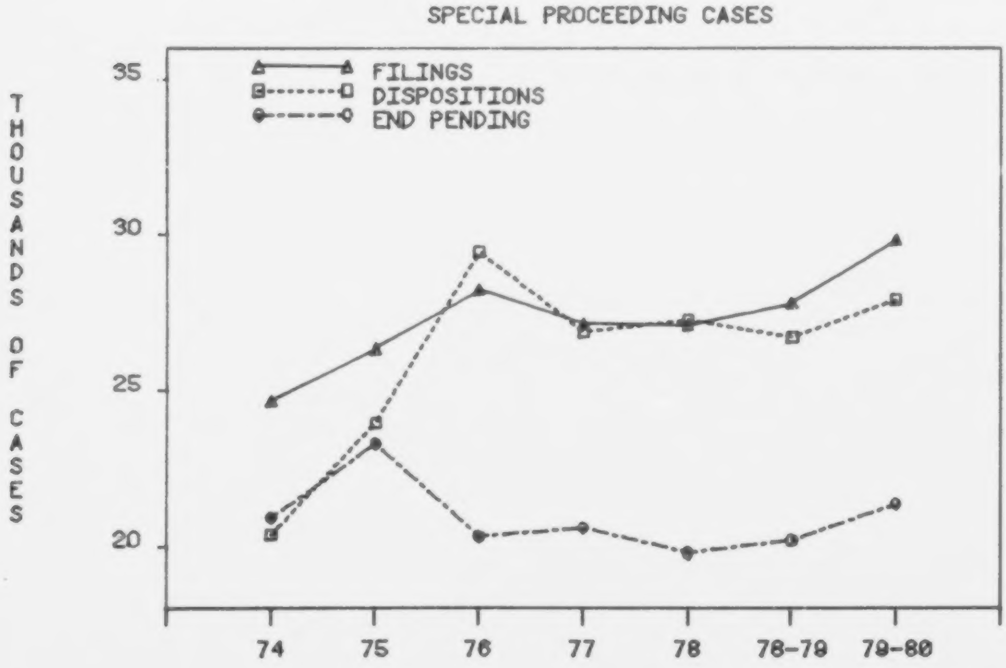
District 27A																
Gaston	454	414.5	311.0	76	61	120	121	76	372	467.8	359.5	75	54	59	107	77
District 27B																
Cleveland	157	327.6	237.0	36	29	39	41	12	157	320.9	292.0	34	17	49	47	10
Lincoln	62	259.0	197.5	19	9	21	11	2	58	254.5	128.5	25	6	10	13	4
District Totals	219	308.2	236.7	55	38	60	52	14	215	303.0	258.8	59	23	59	60	14
District 28																
Buncombe	453	282.4	200.0	126	87	117	105	18	456	307.6	261.5	90	69	166	105	26
District 29																
Henderson	137	406.6	268.2	25	25	35	31	21	127	603.4	475.0	19	13	20	29	46
McDowell	51	454.2	297.0	7	7	17	9	11	45	339.5	315.0	11	4	12	14	4
Polk	26	365.2	411.5	6	1	4	13	2	14	328.4	330.5	3	2	3	5	1
Rutherford	75	289.3	223.0	18	11	24	18	4	70	388.8	397.0	6	11	14	35	4
Transylvania	53	453.1	284.2	8	7	16	12	10	42	475.0	361.5	3	4	14	13	8
District Totals	342	392.0	276.5	64	51	96	83	48	298	482.1	381.2	42	34	63	96	63
District 30																
Cherokee	41	531.1	384.0	7	8	5	12	9	18	378.3	227.5	4	4	2	6	2
Clay	9	400.4	409.0	2	1	1	4	1	7	255.4	54.0	4	0	0	2	1
Graham	17	290.6	286.0	4	3	2	8	0	12	830.9	346.5	0	2	4	2	4
Haywood	107	365.1	326.0	17	13	31	37	9	72	451.0	453.5	13	9	6	27	17
Jackson	150	552.3	444.7	18	14	37	26	55	53	617.4	469.0	9	6	4	15	19
Macon	65	643.4	332.2	8	6	20	14	17	64	703.8	578.5	13	3	5	19	24
Swain	50	287.1	155.5	14	14	13	5	4	22	827.8	336.5	4	1	6	5	6
District Totals	439	474.7	327.0	70	59	109	106	95	248	592.8	450.4	47	25	27	76	73
STATE TOTALS	15,664	441.1	297.0	3,192	2,312	3,481	3,923	2,756	11,767	419.8	298.3	2,759	1,504	2,439	3,094	1,971

CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

1974-1980





The volume of estate cases increases each year, with current year filings showing 1,744 more cases than the previous year. Although a strong trend has not been established for special proceedings cases, the 1979-80 year shows increases over the 1978-79 year in all aspects of caseload, including the number of pending cases at year end.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
District 1												
Camden	45	56	101	63	62.3	38	8	16	24	13	54.1	11
Chowan	157	111	268	88	32.8	180	84	51	135	43	31.8	92
Currituck	111	78	189	61	32.2	128	79	53	132	56	42.4	76
Dare	398	107	505	76	15.0	429	108	71	179	99	55.3	80
Gates	126	36	162	55	33.9	107	31	19	50	17	34.0	33
Pasquotank	190	214	404	182	45.0	222	58	91	149	94	63.0	55
Perquimans	129	77	206	63	30.5	143	27	47	74	32	43.2	42
District Totals	1,156	679	1,835	588	32.0	1,247	395	348	743	354	47.6	389
District 2												
Beaufort	502	361	863	335	38.8	528	383	118	501	88	17.5	413
Hyde	54	101	155	90	58.0	65	31	23	54	23	42.5	31
Martin	204	159	363	106	29.2	257	102	125	227	118	51.9	109
Tyrrell	31	26	57	24	42.1	33	10	24	34	16	47.0	18
Washington	93	91	184	64	34.7	120	79	65	144	97	67.3	47
District Totals	884	738	1,622	619	38.1	1,003	605	355	960	342	35.6	618
District 3												
Carteret	347	255	602	255	42.3	347	226	159	385	253	65.7	132
Craven	354	487	841	358	42.5	483	201	297	498	278	55.8	220
Pamlico	88	71	159	85	53.4	74	47	28	75	38	50.6	37
Pitt	609	457	1,066	490	45.9	576	170	441	611	469	76.7	142
District Totals	1,398	1,270	2,668	1,188	44.5	1,480	644	925	1,569	1,038	66.1	531
District 4												
Duplin	361	352	713	326	45.7	387	341	374	715	297	41.5	418
Jones	71	66	137	79	57.6	58	51	41	92	38	41.3	54
Onslow	523	281	804	314	39.0	490	378	538	916	538	58.7	378
Sampson	370	309	679	307	45.2	372	150	297	447	298	66.6	149
District Totals	1,325	1,008	2,333	1,026	43.9	1,307	920	1,250	2,170	1,171	53.9	999
District 5												
New Hanover	986	597	1,583	540	34.1	1,043	457	733	1,190	710	59.6	480
Pender	144	135	279	115	41.2	164	219	95	314	147	46.8	167
District Totals	1,130	732	1,862	655	35.1	1,207	676	828	1,504	857	56.9	647
District 6												
Bertie	208	173	381	170	44.6	211	119	93	212	147	69.3	65
Halifax	609	339	948	360	37.9	588	610	327	937	391	41.7	546
Hertford	181	132	313	135	43.1	178	103	101	204	89	43.6	115
Northampton	195	136	331	129	38.9	202	103	79	182	85	46.7	97
District Totals	1,193	780	1,973	794	40.2	1,179	935	600	1,535	712	45.3	823
District 7												
Edgecombe	381	342	723	328	45.3	395	172	208	380	196	51.5	184
Nash	467	369	836	339	40.5	497	284	224	508	166	32.6	342
Wilson	504	367	871	358	41.1	513	199	324	523	278	53.1	245
District Totals	1,352	1,078	2,430	1,025	42.1	1,405	655	756	1,411	640	45.3	771
District 8												
Greene	113	109	222	115	51.8	107	79	86	165	79	47.8	86
Lenoir	392	395	787	395	50.1	392	253	457	710	411	57.8	299
Wayne	706	551	1,257	465	36.9	792	288	670	958	614	64.0	344
District Totals	1,211	1,055	2,266	975	43.0	1,291	620	1,213	1,833	1,104	60.2	729
District 9												
Franklin	353	163	516	169	32.7	347	119	206	325	151	46.4	174
Granville	238	271	509	239	46.9	270	102	292	394	278	70.5	116
Person	234	170	404	130	32.1	274	129	132	261	102	39.0	159
Vance	309	276	585	233	39.8	352	108	168	276	149	53.9	127
Warren	243	143	386	158	40.9	228	124	99	223	76	34.0	147
District Totals	1,377	1,023	2,400	929	38.7	1,471	582	897	1,479	756	51.1	723
District 10												
Wake	2,572	1,431	4,003	1,222	30.5	2,781	851	1,168	2,019	1,033	51.1	986

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District 11												
Harnett	471	343	814	372	45.7	442	386	179	565	210	37.1	355
Johnston	689	496	1,185	490	41.3	695	145	610	755	544	72.0	211
Lee	380	221	601	183	30.4	418	202	198	400	144	36.0	256
District Totals	1,540	1,060	2,600	1,045	40.1	1,555	733	987	1,720	898	52.2	822
District 12												
Cumberland	737	745	1,482	720	48.5	762	479	1,300	1,779	1,353	76.0	426
Hoke	160	96	256	135	52.7	121	69	67	136	92	67.6	44
District Totals	897	841	1,738	855	49.1	883	548	1,367	1,915	1,445	75.4	470
District 13												
Bladen	141	142	283	131	46.2	152	127	172	299	182	60.8	117
Brunswick	224	237	461	197	42.7	264	378	315	693	240	34.6	453
Columbus	382	282	664	271	40.8	393	290	252	542	190	35.0	352
District Totals	747	661	1,408	599	42.5	809	795	739	1,534	612	39.8	922
District 14												
Durham	1,567	1,063	2,630	937	35.6	1,693	626	783	1,409	764	54.2	645
District 15A												
Alamance	580	658	1,238	601	48.5	637	186	501	687	454	66.0	233
District 15B												
Chatham	295	184	479	213	44.4	266	99	93	192	103	53.6	89
Orange	648	388	1,036	374	36.1	662	261	586	847	512	60.4	335
District Totals	943	572	1,515	587	38.7	928	360	679	1,039	615	59.1	424
District 16												
Robeson	595	496	1,091	530	48.5	561	211	401	612	325	53.1	287
Scotland	221	184	405	167	41.2	238	122	104	226	75	33.1	151
District Totals	816	680	1,496	697	46.5	799	333	505	838	400	47.7	438
District 17												
Caswell	134	138	272	94	34.5	178	66	98	164	57	34.7	107
Rockingham	708	586	1,294	559	43.1	735	360	334	694	316	45.5	378
Stokes	179	168	347	163	46.9	184	70	115	185	110	59.4	75
Surry	459	353	812	332	40.8	480	147	284	431	304	70.5	127
District Totals	1,480	1,245	2,725	1,148	42.1	1,577	643	831	1,474	787	53.3	687
District 18												
Guilford	2,605	1,768	4,373	1,706	39.0	2,667	689	1,758	2,447	1,820	74.3	627
District 19A												
Cabarrus	649	563	1,212	522	43.0	690	187	358	545	338	62.0	207
Rowan	852	754	1,606	683	42.5	923	180	925	1,105	856	77.4	249
District Totals	1,501	1,317	2,818	1,205	42.7	1,613	367	1,283	1,650	1,194	72.3	456
District 19B												
Montgomery	199	174	373	146	39.1	227	96	135	231	108	46.7	123
Randolph	550	509	1,059	491	46.3	568	189	352	541	340	62.8	201
District Totals	749	683	1,432	637	44.4	795	285	487	772	448	58.0	324
District 20												
Anson	433	155	588	112	19.0	476	102	64	166	55	33.1	111
Moore	616	371	987	334	33.8	653	134	283	417	281	67.3	136
Richmond	559	296	855	200	23.3	655	328	177	505	122	24.1	383
Stanly	948	280	1,228	234	19.0	994	204	256	460	198	43.0	262
Union	476	362	838	305	36.3	533	136	227	363	189	52.0	174
District Totals	3,032	1,464	4,496	1,185	26.3	3,311	904	1,007	1,911	845	44.2	1,066

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District 21												
Forsyth	1,888	1,386	3,274	1,313	40.1	1,961	260	1,390	1,650	1,325	80.3	325
District 22												
Alexander	113	122	235	118	50.2	117	69	132	201	94	46.7	107
Davidson	699	648	1,347	573	42.5	774	238	339	577	416	72.0	161
Davie	116	129	245	135	55.1	110	51	102	153	113	73.8	40
Iredell	686	552	1,238	555	44.8	683	159	433	592	414	69.9	178
District Totals	1,614	1,451	3,065	1,381	45.0	1,684	517	1,006	1,523	1,037	68.0	486
District 23												
Alleghany	81	97	178	86	48.3	92	13	57	70	55	78.5	15
Ashe	169	146	315	155	49.2	160	32	106	138	99	71.7	39
Wilkes	273	255	528	232	43.9	296	150	350	500	292	58.4	208
Yadkin	221	222	443	216	48.7	227	59	135	194	133	68.5	61
District Totals	744	720	1,464	689	47.0	775	254	648	902	579	64.1	323
District 24												
Avery	121	89	210	80	38.0	130	63	86	149	77	51.6	72
Madison	269	93	362	213	58.8	149	88	69	157	59	37.5	98
Mitchell	298	123	421	53	12.5	368	125	64	189	22	11.6	167
Watauga	178	159	337	98	29.0	239	85	148	233	132	56.6	101
Yancey	107	99	206	78	37.8	128	56	68	124	75	60.4	49
District Totals	973	563	1,536	522	33.9	1,014	417	435	852	365	42.8	487
District 25												
Burke	591	335	926	316	34.1	610	108	479	587	418	71.2	169
Caldwell	522	366	888	310	34.9	578	413	331	744	272	36.5	472
Catawba	1,007	587	1,594	509	31.9	1,085	337	403	740	339	45.8	401
District Totals	2,120	1,288	3,408	1,135	33.3	2,273	858	1,213	2,071	1,029	49.6	1,042
District 26												
Mecklenburg	3,543	2,413	5,956	2,395	40.2	3,561	1,091	1,999	3,090	1,652	53.4	1,438
District 27A												
Gaston	1,028	994	2,022	623	30.8	1,399	635	995	1,630	925	56.7	705
District 27B												
Cleveland	467	436	903	440	48.7	463	119	419	538	429	79.7	109
Lincoln	254	248	502	244	48.6	258	47	217	264	214	81.0	50
District Totals	721	684	1,405	684	48.6	721	166	636	802	643	80.1	159
District 28												
Buncombe	2,161	1,212	3,373	1,252	37.1	2,121	556	780	1,336	621	46.4	715
District 29												
Henderson	492	460	952	446	46.8	506	308	258	566	458	80.9	108
McDowell	256	169	425	188	44.2	237	156	189	345	161	46.6	184
Polk	213	159	372	167	44.8	205	23	58	81	55	67.9	26
Rutherford	394	363	757	313	41.3	444	144	241	385	174	45.1	211
Transylvania	310	172	482	137	28.4	345	119	126	245	90	36.7	155
District Totals	1,665	1,323	2,988	1,251	41.8	1,737	750	872	1,622	938	57.8	684
District 30												
Cherokee	204	119	323	66	20.4	257	40	65	105	71	67.6	34
Clay	44	31	75	36	48.0	39	16	23	39	19	48.7	20
Graham	72	41	113	30	26.5	83	21	24	45	26	57.7	19
Haywood	397	330	727	280	38.5	447	135	167	302	139	46.0	163
Jackson	307	111	418	58	13.8	360	150	125	275	114	41.4	161
Macon	320	148	468	113	24.1	355	189	130	319	104	32.6	215
Swain	101	50	151	42	27.8	109	46	55	101	49	48.5	52
District Totals	1,445	830	2,275	625	27.4	1,650	597	589	1,186	522	44.0	664
STATE TOTALS	47,957	34,670	82,627	32,093	38.8	50,534	19,453	29,830	49,283	27,925	56.6	21,358

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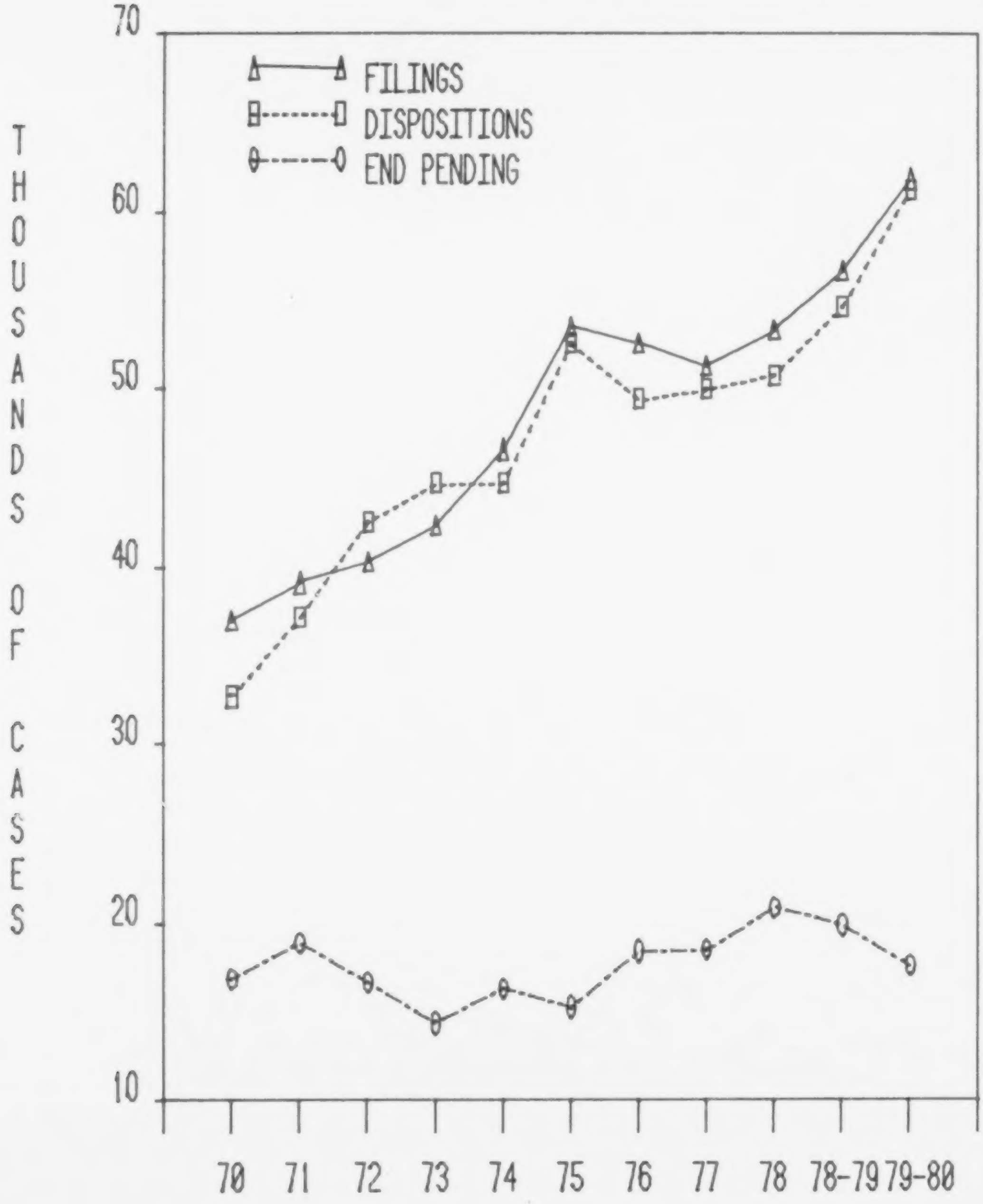

During the 1979-80 year, only 608 more criminal superior court cases were filed statewide than were disposed. This fact is mirrored in the downward trend in pending cases which began the previous year.

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District 1												
Camden	12	18	30	30	100.0	0	5	32	37	28	75.6	9
Chowan	21	112	133	127	95.4	6	15	223	238	219	92.0	19
Currituck	4	40	44	32	72.7	12	53	223	276	246	89.1	30
Dare	19	1	20	20	100.0	0	96	323	419	362	86.3	57
Gates	32	21	53	44	83.0	9	22	86	108	99	91.6	9
Pasquotank	23	202	225	190	84.4	35	74	519	593	511	86.1	82
Perquimans	12	72	84	59	70.2	25	19	100	119	106	89.0	13
District Totals	123	466	589	502	85.2	87	284	1,506	1,790	1,571	87.7	219
District 2												
Beaufort	80	293	373	285	76.4	88	67	239	306	254	83.0	52
Hyde	40	20	60	48	80.0	12	19	32	51	38	74.5	13
Martin	65	126	191	164	85.8	27	37	61	98	71	72.4	27
Tyrrell	0	18	18	15	83.3	3	25	23	48	46	95.8	2
Washington	21	113	134	91	67.9	43	31	49	80	54	67.5	26
District Totals	206	570	776	603	77.7	173	179	404	583	463	79.4	120
District 3												
Carteret	56	285	341	277	81.2	64	31	166	197	154	78.1	43
Craven	97	489	586	462	78.8	124	73	392	465	379	81.5	86
Pamlico	8	112	120	107	89.1	13	21	34	55	44	80.0	11
Pitt	195	736	931	777	83.4	154	157	472	629	512	81.3	117
District Totals	356	1,622	1,978	1,623	82.0	355	282	1,064	1,346	1,089	80.9	257
District 4												
Duplin	112	306	418	318	76.0	100	76	120	196	108	55.1	88
Jones	5	54	59	57	96.6	2	4	15	19	14	73.6	5
Onslow	174	1,137	1,311	1,114	84.9	197	37	172	209	185	88.5	24
Sampson	33	373	406	376	92.6	30	10	116	126	105	83.3	21
District Totals	324	1,870	2,194	1,865	85.0	329	127	423	550	412	74.9	138
District 5												
New Hanover	389	1,161	1,550	1,350	87.0	200	102	670	772	620	80.3	152
Pender	38	179	217	142	65.4	75	28	73	101	59	58.4	42
District Totals	427	1,340	1,767	1,492	84.4	275	130	743	873	679	77.7	194
District 6												
Bertie	9	88	97	69	71.1	28	55	69	124	84	67.7	40
Halifax	89	342	431	248	57.5	183	67	166	233	118	50.6	115
Hertford	21	95	116	64	55.1	52	75	190	265	224	84.5	41
Northampton	42	81	123	76	61.7	47	48	74	122	95	77.8	27
District Totals	161	606	767	457	59.5	310	245	499	744	521	70.0	223
District 7												
Edgecombe	66	261	327	231	70.6	96	65	388	453	317	69.9	136
Nash	134	423	557	438	78.6	119	120	494	614	438	71.3	176
Wilson	126	411	537	365	67.9	172	79	618	697	475	68.1	222
District Totals	326	1,095	1,421	1,034	72.7	387	264	1,500	1,764	1,230	69.7	534
District 8												
Greene	22	124	146	118	80.8	28	15	60	75	57	76.0	18
Lenoir	36	348	384	320	83.3	64	35	416	451	373	82.7	78
Wayne	99	651	750	583	77.7	167	30	291	321	243	75.7	78
District Totals	157	1,123	1,280	1,021	79.7	259	80	767	847	673	79.4	174
District 9												
Franklin	107	147	254	137	53.9	117	119	234	353	169	47.8	184
Granville	50	243	293	191	65.1	102	77	184	261	181	69.3	80
Person	37	239	276	172	62.3	104	93	171	264	144	54.5	120
Vance	115	282	397	255	64.2	142	95	232	327	180	55.0	147
Warren	44	101	145	60	41.3	85	43	101	144	100	69.4	44
District Totals	353	1,012	1,365	815	59.7	550	427	922	1,349	774	57.3	575
District 10												
Wake	967	2,686	3,653	2,908	79.6	745	480	1,877	2,357	1,954	82.9	403

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District 11												
Harnett	44	280	324	275	84.8	49	10	84	94	75	79.7	19
Johnston	40	314	354	275	77.6	79	48	227	275	220	80.0	55
Lee	13	156	169	74	43.7	95	97	93	190	137	72.1	53
District Totals	97	750	847	624	73.6	223	155	404	559	432	77.2	127
District 12												
Cumberland	206	949	1,155	876	75.8	279	160	448	608	530	87.1	78
Hoke	28	119	147	116	78.9	31	35	72	107	86	80.3	21
District Totals	234	1,068	1,302	992	76.1	310	195	520	715	616	86.1	99
District 13												
Bladen	44	108	152	106	69.7	46	51	111	162	94	58.0	68
Brunswick	113	151	264	185	70.0	79	19	105	124	83	66.9	41
Columbus	50	367	417	328	78.6	89	27	194	221	122	55.2	99
District Totals	207	626	833	619	74.3	214	97	410	507	299	58.9	208
District 14												
Durham	244	1,028	1,272	1,082	85.0	190	75	334	409	343	83.8	66
District 15A												
Alamance	270	704	974	763	78.3	211	122	546	668	512	76.6	156
District 15B												
Chatham	39	102	141	128	90.7	13	5	48	53	41	77.3	12
Orange	91	485	576	497	86.2	79	26	96	122	103	84.4	19
District Totals	130	587	717	625	87.1	92	31	144	175	144	82.2	31
District 16												
Robeson	195	780	975	816	83.6	159	183	376	559	461	82.4	98
Scotland	102	234	336	162	48.2	174	66	168	234	120	51.2	114
District Totals	297	1,014	1,311	978	74.5	333	249	544	793	581	73.2	212
District 17												
Caswell	35	82	117	96	82.0	21	33	161	194	165	85.0	29
Rockingham	155	597	752	527	70.0	225	206	670	876	730	83.3	146
Stokes	17	86	103	89	86.4	14	23	140	163	134	82.2	29
Surry	99	422	521	427	81.9	94	200	776	976	813	83.2	163
District Totals	306	1,187	1,493	1,139	76.2	354	462	1,747	2,209	1,842	83.3	367
District 18												
Guilford												
Greensboro	693	2,241	2,934	1,856	63.2	1,078	201	823	1,024	697	68.0	327
High Point	271	530	801	483	60.2	318	52	242	294	212	72.1	82
District Totals	964	2,771	3,735	2,339	62.6	1,396	253	1,065	1,318	909	68.9	409
District 19A												
Cabarrus	107	431	538	404	75.0	134	207	550	757	592	78.2	165
Rowan	114	550	664	560	84.3	104	91	443	534	428	80.1	106
District Totals	221	981	1,202	964	80.1	238	298	993	1,291	1,020	79.0	271
District 19B												
Montgomery	50	153	203	191	94.0	12	35	167	202	181	89.6	21
Randolph	58	274	332	236	71.0	96	184	456	640	521	81.4	119
District Totals	108	427	535	427	79.8	108	219	623	842	702	83.3	140
District 20												
Anson	28	204	232	215	92.6	17	39	147	186	161	86.5	25
Moore	167	574	741	676	91.2	65	57	346	403	374	92.8	29
Richmond	196	525	721	609	84.4	112	103	373	476	395	82.9	81
Stanly	30	269	299	253	84.6	46	88	256	344	288	83.7	56
Union	168	622	790	631	79.8	159	60	424	484	430	88.8	54
District Totals	589	2,194	2,783	2,384	85.6	399	347	1,546	1,893	1,648	87.0	245

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District 21												
Forsyth	208	1,538	1,746	1,419	81.2	327	219	1,331	1,550	1,374	88.6	176
District 22												
Alexander	28	65	93	75	80.6	18	21	99	120	104	86.6	16
Davidson	151	359	510	393	77.0	117	49	321	370	259	70.0	111
Davie	28	59	87	81	93.1	6	40	88	128	118	92.1	10
Iredell	209	360	569	527	92.6	42	73	351	424	368	86.7	56
District Totals	416	843	1,259	1,076	85.4	183	183	859	1,042	849	81.4	193
District 23												
Alleghany	14	25	39	31	79.4	8	5	30	35	24	68.5	11
Ashe	14	71	85	57	67.0	28	14	97	111	90	81.0	21
Wilkes	46	260	306	214	69.9	92	48	332	380	204	53.6	176
Yadkin	48	134	182	90	49.4	92	46	127	173	126	72.8	47
District Totals	122	490	612	392	64.0	220	113	586	699	444	63.5	255
District 24												
Avery	74	68	142	87	61.2	55	26	17	43	27	62.7	16
Madison	38	16	54	22	40.7	32	17	41	58	42	72.4	16
Mitchell	14	36	50	39	78.0	11	11	15	26	25	96.1	1
Watauga	20	164	184	104	56.5	80	6	51	57	49	85.9	8
Yancey	9	19	28	14	50.0	14	15	19	34	15	44.1	19
District Totals	155	303	458	266	58.0	192	75	143	218	158	72.4	60
District 25												
Burke	118	177	295	259	87.7	36	53	155	208	172	82.6	36
Caldwell	49	309	358	289	80.7	69	35	243	278	224	80.5	54
Catawba	290	723	1,013	787	77.6	226	136	384	520	425	81.7	95
District Totals	457	1,209	1,666	1,335	80.1	331	224	782	1,006	821	81.6	185
District 26												
Mecklenburg	505	1,867	2,372	1,784	75.2	588	358	943	1,301	1,153	88.6	148
District 27A												
Gaston	363	1,439	1,802	1,469	81.5	333	78	357	435	371	85.2	64
District 27B												
Cleveland	58	427	485	358	73.8	127	23	124	147	98	66.6	49
Lincoln	48	316	364	343	94.2	21	5	63	68	67	98.5	1
District Totals	106	743	849	701	82.5	148	28	187	215	165	76.7	50
District 28												
Buncombe	212	1,063	1,275	962	75.4	313	123	435	558	490	87.8	68
District 29												
Henderson	64	342	406	369	90.8	37	20	90	110	97	88.1	13
McDowell	32	128	160	117	73.1	43	13	40	53	39	73.5	14
Polk	45	198	243	130	53.4	113	16	24	40	25	62.5	15
Rutherford	114	231	345	276	80.0	69	63	186	249	184	73.8	65
Transylvania	39	95	134	72	53.7	62	14	30	44	24	54.5	20
District Totals	294	994	1,288	964	74.8	324	126	370	496	369	74.3	127
District 30												
Cherokee	44	70	114	79	69.2	35	45	63	108	62	57.4	46
Clay	10	13	23	20	86.9	3	1	9	10	7	70.0	3
Graham	6	32	38	27	71.0	11	11	30	41	19	46.3	22
Haywood	61	253	314	181	57.6	133	213	170	383	253	66.0	130
Jackson	70	120	190	127	66.8	63	40	69	109	58	53.2	51
Macon	38	110	148	94	63.5	54	17	45	62	25	40.3	37
Swain	8	16	24	17	70.8	7	3	34	37	15	40.5	22
District Totals	237	614	851	545	64.0	306	330	420	750	439	58.5	311
STATE TOTALS	10,142	36,830	46,972	36,169	77.0	10,803	6,858	24,994	31,852	25,047	78.6	6,805

METHODS OF DISPOSITON OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CASES
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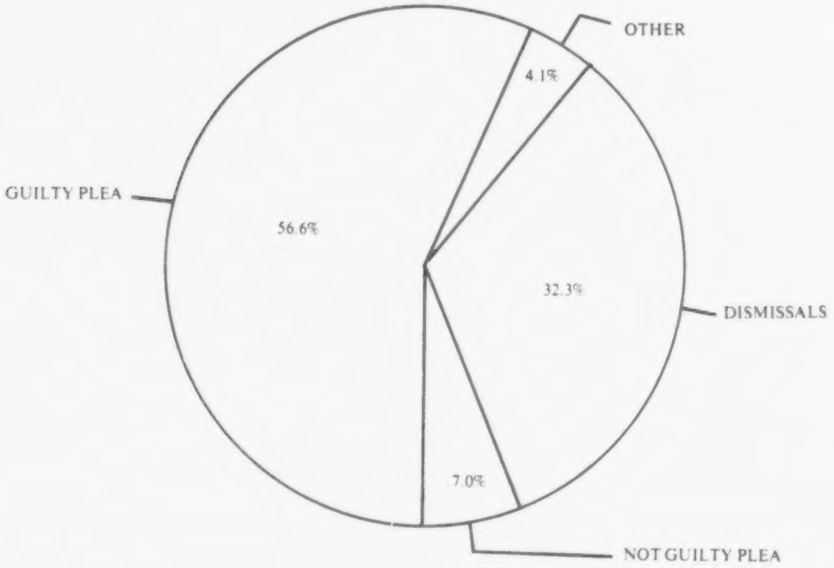
FELONIES



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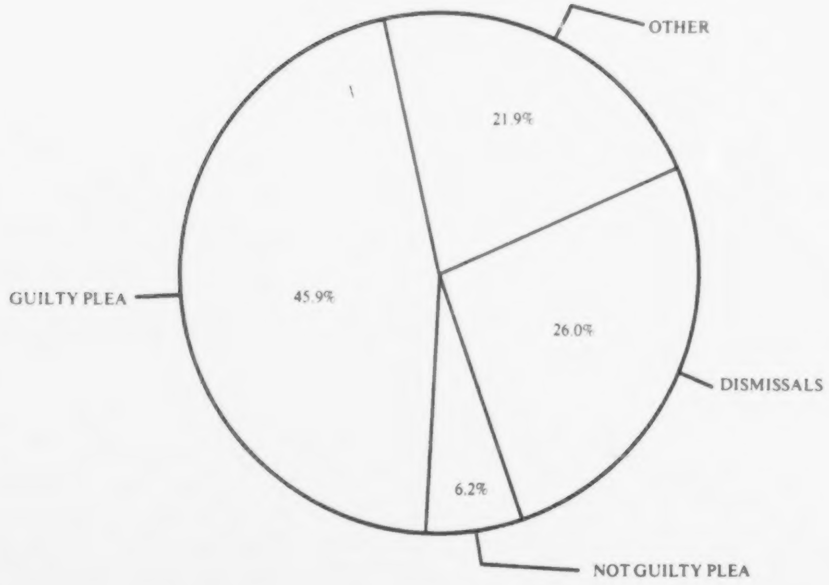

The breakdown of dispositions for felony and misdemeanor appeal cases during the 1979-80 year differs very little from the same breakdown for the 1978-79 year. A plea of guilty is still the most common way to dispose of a superior court criminal case.

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 1												
Camden	30	15	3	5	0	7	28	19	1	1	0	7
Chowan	127	60	6	27	0	34	219	114	7	18	0	80
Currituck	32	28	0	2	0	2	246	212	6	19	0	9
Dare	20	8	6	3	0	3	362	204	6	40	1	111
Gates	44	20	9	15	0	0	99	70	3	7	0	19
Pasquotank	190	112	19	57	0	2	511	172	13	69	0	257
Perquimans	59	41	4	9	0	5	106	37	3	15	0	51
District Totals	502	284	47	118	0	53	1,571	828	39	169	1	534
District 2												
Beaufort	285	181	35	55	0	14	254	140	52	24	4	34
Hyde	48	16	10	20	0	2	38	17	7	6	0	8
Martin	164	122	12	22	0	8	71	29	17	10	0	15
Tyrrell	15	8	1	0	0	6	46	34	4	4	0	4
Washington	91	46	21	11	0	13	54	17	13	5	1	18
District Totals	603	373	79	108	0	43	463	237	93	49	5	79
District 3												
Carteret	277	158	12	92	0	15	154	65	13	31	0	45
Craven	462	235	41	158	3	25	379	171	47	120	0	41
Pamlico	107	96	4	7	0	0	44	24	3	14	0	3
Pitt	777	412	63	286	7	9	512	253	48	120	4	87
District Totals	1,623	901	120	543	10	49	1,089	513	111	285	4	176
District 4												
Duplin	318	204	20	78	0	16	108	69	13	18	0	8
Jones	57	30	2	24	0	1	14	8	1	5	0	0
Onslow	1,114	573	72	397	0	72	185	68	25	68	0	24
Sampson	376	247	23	70	0	36	105	69	9	10	0	17
District Totals	1,865	1,054	117	569	0	125	412	214	48	101	0	49
District 5												
New Hanover	1,350	841	149	347	2	11	620	289	57	188	0	86
Pender	142	80	3	52	0	7	59	21	8	23	0	7
District Totals	1,492	921	152	399	2	18	679	310	65	211	0	93
District 6												
Bertie	69	41	10	16	0	2	84	40	14	22	0	8
Halifax	248	98	8	129	0	13	118	52	3	40	0	23
Hertford	64	17	6	37	0	4	224	140	38	36	0	10
Northampton	76	37	1	25	5	8	95	40	4	32	2	17
District Totals	457	193	25	207	5	27	521	272	59	130	2	58
District 7												
Edgecombe	231	139	27	45	0	20	317	188	11	65	0	53
Nash	438	279	22	123	0	14	438	238	19	110	0	71
Wilson	365	240	16	83	0	26	475	262	20	95	0	98
District Totals	1,034	658	65	251	0	60	1,230	688	50	270	0	222
District 8												
Greene	118	44	4	64	0	6	57	32	3	19	0	3
Lenoir	320	105	29	169	0	17	373	98	36	139	0	100
Wayne	583	220	61	295	0	7	243	62	31	131	0	19
District Totals	1,021	369	94	528	0	30	673	192	70	289	0	122
District 9												
Franklin	137	75	8	48	0	6	169	101	7	41	0	20
Granville	191	74	16	79	0	22	181	89	7	52	0	33
Person	172	117	25	26	0	4	144	61	19	49	0	15
Vance	255	152	12	83	0	8	180	109	12	44	0	15
Warren	60	34	8	17	0	1	100	68	3	28	0	1
District Totals	815	452	69	253	0	41	774	428	48	214	0	84
District 10												
Wake	2,908	989	111	1,766	2	40	1,954	575	70	763	0	546

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 11												
Harnett	275	207	17	48	0	3	75	40	10	13	0	12
Johnston	275	161	18	78	0	18	220	94	9	56	0	61
Lee	74	40	7	21	0	6	137	50	7	58	0	22
District Totals	624	408	42	147	0	27	432	184	26	127	0	95
District 12												
Cumberland	876	528	110	181	0	57	530	178	68	185	0	99
Hoke	116	78	11	13	0	14	86	48	10	23	0	5
District Totals	992	606	121	194	0	71	616	226	78	208	0	104
District 13												
Bladen	106	55	26	16	0	9	94	43	7	25	0	19
Brunswick	185	131	15	33	0	6	83	37	7	23	0	16
Columbus	328	226	35	46	0	21	122	37	13	49	0	23
District Totals	619	412	76	95	0	36	299	117	27	97	0	58
District 14												
Durham	1,082	575	65	424	0	18	343	98	22	161	0	62
District 15A												
Alamance	763	363	56	316	12	16	512	209	50	196	4	53
District 15B												
Chatham	128	54	14	55	0	5	41	16	3	11	0	11
Orange	497	243	19	199	0	36	103	32	8	32	0	31
District Totals	625	297	33	254	0	41	144	48	11	43	0	42
District 16												
Robeson	816	655	78	58	0	25	461	198	53	36	1	173
Scotland	162	110	15	27	0	10	120	91	2	16	0	11
District Totals	978	765	93	85	0	35	581	289	55	52	1	184
District 17												
Caswell	96	61	10	21	0	4	165	114	5	28	0	18
Rockingham	527	362	29	128	0	8	730	382	14	149	0	185
Stokes	89	62	14	10	0	3	134	59	3	20	0	52
Surry	427	331	28	57	0	11	813	284	18	129	0	382
District Totals	1,139	816	81	216	0	26	1,842	839	40	326	0	637
District 18												
Guilford												
Greensboro	1,856	1,253	84	472	1	46	697	301	79	148	0	169
High Point	483	264	20	185	0	14	212	113	7	62	0	30
District Totals	2,339	1,517	104	657	1	60	909	414	86	210	0	199
District 19A												
Cabarrus	404	252	43	103	0	6	592	296	18	131	1	146
Rowan	560	361	25	151	0	23	428	234	22	82	1	89
District Totals	964	613	68	254	0	29	1,020	530	40	213	2	235
District 19B												
Montgomery	191	136	6	44	0	5	181	110	1	32	0	38
Randolph	236	192	10	31	0	3	521	324	27	98	0	72
District Totals	427	328	16	75	0	8	702	434	28	130	0	110
District 20												
Anson	215	110	8	90	0	7	161	82	6	37	0	36
Moore	676	283	12	367	0	14	374	170	4	127	0	73
Richmond	609	318	30	254	0	7	395	178	9	137	0	71
Stanly	253	127	13	108	0	5	288	173	5	87	0	23
Union	631	311	29	281	0	10	430	172	11	189	0	56
District Totals	2,384	1,149	92	1,100	0	43	1,648	775	35	577	0	261

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	Felonies					
	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	O
District 21						
Forsyth	1,419	1,033	72	277	0	
District 22						
Alexander	75	58	5	7	0	
Davidson	393	254	30	89	0	
Davie	81	49	7	24	0	
Iredell	527	396	39	78	0	
District Totals	1,076	757	81	198	0	
District 23						
Alleghany	31	22	1	5	0	
Ashe	57	35	14	6	0	
Wilkes	214	125	21	59	0	
Yadkin	90	73	3	7	0	
District Totals	392	255	39	77	0	
District 24						
Avery	87	41	4	42	0	
Madison	22	11	2	9	0	
Mitchell	39	11	2	25	0	
Watauga	104	37	4	58	0	
Yancey	14	6	0	6	0	
District Totals	266	106	12	140	0	
District 25						
Burke	259	152	11	82	0	
Caldwell	289	134	23	120	0	
Catawba	787	372	56	327	3	
District Totals	1,335	658	90	529	3	
District 26						
Mecklenburg	1,784	955	175	584	1	
District 27A						
Gaston	1,469	831	97	450	3	
District 27B						
Cleveland	358	243	38	61	0	
Lincoln	343	223	23	88	1	
District Totals	701	466	61	149	1	
District 28						
Buncombe	962	650	44	123	0	1
District 29						
Henderson	369	173	18	170	0	
McDowell	117	59	23	32	0	
Polk	130	35	10	76	0	
Rutherford	276	131	45	92	0	
Transylvania	72	29	3	34	0	
District Totals	964	427	99	404	0	
District 30						
Cherokee	79	49	0	20	0	
Clay	20	15	1	4	0	
Graham	27	15	3	3	0	
Haywood	181	102	6	73	0	
Jackson	127	55	4	25	0	
Macon	94	46	10	16	0	
Swain	17	3	1	11	0	
District Totals	545	285	25	152	0	
STATE TOTALS	36,169	20,466	2,521	11,642	40	1,4

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	Misdemeanors					
ther	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
37	1,374	857	29	316	0	172
5	104	42	2	23	0	37
20	259	78	9	67	1	104
1	118	46	4	19	0	49
14	368	170	13	62	0	123
40	849	336	28	171	1	313
3	24	13	2	3	0	6
2	90	72	2	5	0	11
9	204	83	19	36	0	66
7	126	63	7	16	0	40
21	444	231	30	60	0	123
0	27	10	1	13	0	3
0	42	15	5	16	0	6
1	25	7	1	9	1	7
5	49	11	1	35	0	2
2	15	6	1	7	0	1
8	158	49	9	80	1	19
14	172	70	6	31	0	65
12	224	71	12	64	0	77
29	425	176	22	104	0	123
55	821	317	40	199	0	265
69	1,153	472	96	399	16	170
88	371	144	67	91	2	67
16	98	38	14	20	0	26
8	67	12	11	16	0	28
24	165	50	25	36	0	54
45	490	262	26	28	0	174
8	97	43	4	19	0	31
3	39	8	3	14	0	14
9	25	2	4	8	0	11
8	184	50	11	68	0	55
6	24	8	7	7	0	2
34	369	111	29	116	0	113
10	62	41	1	20	0	0
0	7	2	0	3	0	2
6	19	10	0	5	0	4
0	253	141	10	102	0	0
43	58	32	3	10	0	13
22	25	13	2	9	0	1
2	15	5	1	6	0	3
83	439	244	17	155	0	23
92	25,047	11,493	1,547	6,472	39	5,485

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 1																	
Camden	Fel	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	30	84.1	46.5	16	1	11	2	0
	Mis	9	36.9	33.0	9	0	0	0	0	28	72.5	66.9	9	17	0	2	0
Chowan	Fel	6	255.0	114.5	2	1	0	0	3	127	74.5	54.2	71	33	8	15	0
	Mis	19	55.0	39.7	14	3	1	1	0	219	81.8	59.3	109	78	14	15	3
Currituck	Fel	12	79.3	53.5	6	5	0	0	1	32	81.3	34.0	20	9	2	0	1
	Mis	30	63.3	39.0	20	6	1	3	0	246	56.2	35.5	149	68	18	10	1
Dare	Fel	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	20	225.9	146.5	1	4	6	7	2
	Mis	57	67.2	43.8	43	5	5	3	1	362	90.7	74.3	152	108	63	32	7
Gates	Fel	9	308.6	510.6	3	0	0	1	5	44	142.8	183.8	11	4	0	29	0
	Mis	9	78.0	43.7	6	1	1	0	1	99	98.1	95.8	36	31	20	12	0
Pasquotank	Fel	35	82.8	55.1	22	1	11	1	0	190	58.4	35.7	136	34	10	8	2
	Mis	82	47.0	25.1	64	13	1	4	0	511	57.3	37.6	325	126	31	28	1
Perquimans	Fel	25	44.2	41.0	24	1	0	0	0	59	71.7	53.7	39	8	6	6	0
	Mis	13	54.0	52.7	11	1	0	1	0	106	62.8	45.5	60	37	6	1	2
District Totals	Fel	87	106.5	41.4	57	8	11	2	9	502	81.1	47.6	294	93	43	67	5
	Mis	219	56.5	39.8	167	29	9	12	2	1,571	71.5	56.2	840	465	152	100	14
District 2																	
Beaufort	Fel	88	105.1	76.9	29	49	6	2	2	285	109.7	68.7	119	78	26	53	9
	Mis	52	101.2	38.0	30	5	3	13	1	254	121.7	91.0	84	84	41	32	13
Hyde	Fel	12	454.8	512.1	1	1	1	1	8	48	187.0	194.8	8	9	0	27	4
	Mis	13	166.6	111.0	5	2	1	4	1	38	175.1	127.5	5	12	7	10	4
Martin	Fel	27	119.0	70.2	12	9	3	2	1	164	98.3	72.9	67	65	6	22	4
	Mis	27	121.3	95.3	5	12	5	5	0	71	154.1	125.0	16	19	11	23	2
Tyrrell	Fel	3	137.7	168.7	0	1	2	0	0	15	90.9	101.0	7	3	2	3	0
	Mis	2	388.5	268.5	0	0	0	1	1	46	179.2	145.2	8	6	17	11	4
Washington	Fel	43	156.8	167.8	4	14	12	11	2	91	120.8	97.2	27	22	26	13	3
	Mis	26	191.4	81.1	8	11	2	2	3	54	149.1	117.0	18	10	9	14	3
District Totals	Fel	173	144.9	77.1	46	74	24	16	13	603	114.0	91.8	228	177	60	118	20
	Mis	120	137.1	81.0	48	30	11	25	6	463	140.0	103.8	131	131	85	90	26
District 3																	
Carteret	Fel	64	178.5	77.1	24	12	5	17	6	277	95.2	49.6	152	85	11	7	22
	Mis	43	145.2	63.0	18	8	2	12	3	154	76.8	51.5	92	41	10	9	2
Craven	Fel	124	104.9	58.7	65	21	10	28	0	462	94.8	72.5	186	160	69	34	13
	Mis	86	68.3	53.6	55	17	6	8	0	379	87.4	60.7	186	118	41	26	8
Pamlico	Fel	13	70.6	37.4	8	3	1	1	0	107	81.1	85.7	36	60	4	6	1
	Mis	11	300.3	51.0	9	0	0	1	1	44	318.3	108.6	3	25	4	5	7
Pitt	Fel	154	142.1	63.5	74	29	9	29	13	777	95.0	59.6	390	244	68	45	30
	Mis	117	99.1	40.8	67	11	18	15	6	512	92.7	55.1	269	143	36	46	18
District Totals	Fel	355	133.1	63.2	171	65	25	75	19	1,623	94.1	64.2	764	549	152	92	66
	Mis	257	105.1	51.2	149	36	26	36	10	1,089	97.7	58.2	550	327	91	86	35

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 4		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
Duplin	Fel	100	491.0	424.0	10	7	1	21	61	318	57.2	40.5	227	61	14	16	0
	Mis	88	531.9	500.5	8	3	1	19	57	108	61.1	43.5	72	19	13	4	0
Jones	Fel	2	269.0	51.5	1	0	0	0	1	57	51.2	53.9	37	16	4	0	0
	Mis	5	75.2	61.2	1	3	1	0	0	14	73.3	51.5	8	2	4	0	0
Onslow	Fel	197	34.3	19.1	171	16	7	2	1	1,114	56.3	46.2	765	266	49	33	1
	Mis	24	40.6	20.5	19	3	2	0	0	185	53.5	41.7	138	31	10	6	0
Sampson	Fel	30	44.0	46.7	22	8	0	0	0	376	52.5	33.5	257	83	31	4	1
	Mis	21	183.8	47.2	11	3	5	0	2	105	48.4	31.6	87	12	2	3	1
District Totals	Fel	329	175.4	31.3	204	31	8	23	63	1,865	55.5	44.2	1,286	426	98	53	2
	Mis	138	376.9	326.7	39	12	9	19	59	412	54.9	39.6	305	64	29	13	1
District 5																	
New Hanover	Fel	200	110.7	46.1	117	61	3	8	11	1,350	86.9	60.2	685	390	172	81	22
	Mis	152	76.0	32.6	105	18	7	18	4	620	109.7	42.0	418	142	25	8	27
Pender	Fel	75	190.8	144.7	27	6	31	7	4	142	84.8	55.0	72	53	10	4	3
	Mis	42	121.2	102.5	11	10	12	7	2	59	110.6	86.7	23	17	11	7	1
District Totals	Fel	275	132.5	58.0	144	67	34	15	15	1,492	86.7	60.2	757	443	182	85	25
	Mis	194	85.8	37.1	116	28	19	25	6	679	109.8	43.6	441	159	36	15	28
District 6																	
Bertie	Fel	28	224.5	230.1	5	2	2	17	2	69	108.1	62.0	34	15	10	3	7
	Mis	40	258.0	249.9	5	3	1	24	7	84	239.2	192.5	15	13	13	25	18
Halifax	Fel	183	319.6	282.0	69	16	3	39	56	248	67.8	39.5	159	64	17	5	3
	Mis	115	466.4	355.3	16	5	7	30	57	118	77.4	35.5	72	33	3	8	2
Hertford	Fel	52	59.1	50.8	31	20	0	0	1	64	299.8	78.7	29	14	1	1	19
	Mis	41	101.9	76.0	12	18	7	4	0	224	126.0	67.8	103	53	21	31	16
Northampton	Fel	47	56.3	31.2	28	18	1	0	0	76	184.3	204.5	15	15	6	30	10
	Mis	27	116.3	52.2	14	7	2	3	1	95	170.5	135.1	28	11	26	19	11
District Totals	Fel	310	227.4	80.9	133	56	6	56	59	457	125.7	54.2	237	108	34	39	39
	Mis	223	319.6	249.9	47	33	17	61	65	521	141.4	77.8	218	110	63	83	47
District 7																	
Edgecombe	Fel	96	151.3	107.5	20	30	17	23	6	231	93.9	68.0	95	78	31	20	7
	Mis	136	126.9	110.7	43	30	32	26	5	317	62.1	32.3	210	55	35	17	0
Nash	Fel	119	154.7	90.2	32	36	35	7	9	438	113.4	91.7	148	155	71	51	13
	Mis	176	236.2	100.0	68	25	34	21	28	438	87.7	76.6	170	173	58	34	3
Wilson	Fel	172	75.7	65.5	79	55	26	10	2	365	118.5	97.0	98	134	63	58	12
	Mis	222	103.3	52.5	111	53	35	15	8	475	90.6	59.0	241	143	44	27	20
District Totals	Fel	387	118.7	89.7	131	121	78	40	17	1,034	110.8	85.8	341	367	165	129	32
	Mis	534	153.1	81.7	222	108	101	62	41	1,230	82.2	58.2	621	371	137	78	23

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District 8		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
Greene	Fel	28	75.0	41.3	16	2	10	0	0	118	107.7	73.1	43	45	3	23	4
	Mis	18	59.9	41.5	11	4	2	1	0	57	96.0	73.8	19	21	15	2	0
Lenoir	Fel	64	66.0	54.5	34	21	9	0	0	320	85.3	70.1	115	140	47	16	2
	Mis	78	64.9	40.5	46	20	9	3	0	373	58.9	49.3	205	136	24	7	1
Wayne	Fel	167	85.9	55.3	84	61	6	7	9	583	65.0	40.8	365	154	39	23	2
	Mis	78	59.2	28.4	49	23	2	4	0	243	67.4	55.2	132	63	40	8	0
District Totals	Fel	259	79.8	54.7	134	84	25	7	9	1,021	76.3	58.2	523	339	89	62	8
	Mis	174	61.8	40.7	106	47	13	8	0	673	65.1	55.2	356	220	79	17	1
District 9																	
Franklin	Fel	117	245.8	133.6	17	35	25	9	31	137	228.5	173.4	18	14	37	54	14
	Mis	184	220.1	154.8	31	48	26	51	28	169	213.1	169.3	28	41	22	50	28
Granville	Fel	102	198.3	97.0	38	21	14	16	13	191	157.9	82.2	85	29	32	26	19
	Mis	80	179.4	116.5	24	16	23	9	8	181	184.1	118.0	47	45	36	31	22
Person	Fel	104	184.1	194.5	21	16	13	50	4	172	126.9	83.1	12	90	42	24	4
	Mis	120	159.8	137.9	28	23	22	39	8	144	200.6	186.5	14	29	27	60	14
Vance	Fel	142	214.7	214.6	23	21	25	54	19	255	161.2	118.0	77	53	28	74	23
	Mis	147	139.5	83.0	47	46	18	25	11	180	221.2	153.3	33	35	29	62	21
Warren	Fel	85	214.0	83.0	23	35	5	6	16	60	233.9	135.5	8	18	10	15	9
	Mis	44	225.6	162.1	6	10	10	14	4	100	228.1	144.5	20	21	15	19	25
District Totals	Fel	550	212.4	127.3	122	128	82	135	83	815	169.9	125.4	200	204	149	193	69
	Mis	575	181.7	126.5	136	143	99	138	59	774	207.8	153.0	142	171	129	222	110
District 10																	
Wake	Fel	745	152.5	69.3	333	191	104	50	67	2,908	149.4	88.6	975	903	422	318	290
	Mis	403	99.4	54.0	216	80	50	43	14	1,954	94.1	57.9	995	435	271	205	48
District 11																	
Harnett	Fel	49	46.9	14.3	43	4	1	0	1	275	69.2	34.2	187	45	10	14	19
	Mis	19	115.6	32.3	15	2	1	0	1	75	67.6	45.4	46	16	11	1	1
Johnston	Fel	79	101.7	45.7	42	13	6	17	1	275	62.6	51.2	162	87	12	11	3
	Mis	55	81.5	39.8	37	8	6	3	1	220	75.3	61.0	107	80	17	15	1
Lee	Fel	95	100.3	104.0	23	41	28	3	0	74	138.1	80.9	27	28	7	1	11
	Mis	53	168.1	116.7	8	20	11	8	6	137	124.2	84.0	37	52	18	27	3
District Totals	Fel	223	89.1	68.6	108	58	35	20	2	624	74.5	44.6	376	160	29	26	33
	Mis	127	122.7	69.2	60	30	18	11	8	432	89.5	64.2	190	148	46	43	5
District 12																	
Cumberland	Fel	279	80.8	48.0	173	54	20	24	8	876	106.7	65.3	389	264	96	88	39
	Mis	78	64.8	41.2	50	19	5	3	1	530	93.7	68.7	235	139	82	65	9
Hoke	Fel	31	106.8	92.6	14	7	8	1	1	116	107.5	34.5	67	21	16	7	5
	Mis	21	88.0	86.7	8	7	6	0	0	86	135.7	96.2	22	28	12	22	2
District Totals	Fel	310	83.4	48.1	187	61	28	25	9	992	106.8	65.2	456	285	112	95	44
	Mis	99	69.7	51.0	58	26	11	3	1	616	99.6	73.8	257	167	94	87	11

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District 13		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
Bladen	Fel	46	109.4	80.5	16	9	14	7	0	106	112.5	106.0	24	36	29	17	0
	Mis	68	143.9	102.8	17	19	19	6	7	94	75.7	68.5	44	33	17	0	0
Brunswick	Fel	79	91.4	69.3	34	27	12	6	0	185	116.7	133.6	33	51	89	12	0
	Mis	41	69.9	59.0	21	11	9	0	0	83	74.3	47.2	44	19	15	5	0
Columbus	Fel	89	144.1	125.7	23	21	29	7	9	328	73.0	8.7	216	49	24	28	11
	Mis	99	145.1	115.0	32	22	19	18	8	122	131.5	102.0	27	49	13	30	3
District Totals	Fel	214	117.2	101.2	73	57	55	20	9	619	92.8	79.8	273	136	142	57	11
	Mis	208	129.9	101.1	70	52	47	24	15	299	98.1	77.8	115	101	45	35	3
District 14																	
Durham	Fel	190	97.1	69.6	92	47	28	22	1	1,082	95.8	78.3	371	440	162	91	18
	Mis	66	105.5	77.4	22	29	6	7	2	343	90.5	75.6	150	109	55	21	8
District 15A																	
Alamance	Fel	211	95.0	47.0	141	47	8	8	7	763	142.6	100.0	170	278	112	160	43
	Mis	156	84.0	59.0	84	35	32	2	3	512	92.9	87.3	162	220	99	29	2
District 15B																	
Chatham	Fel	13	120.0	44.0	7	3	1	1	1	128	195.1	119.5	29	35	32	6	26
	Mis	12	75.3	51.5	6	2	3	1	0	41	100.3	70.0	17	11	7	4	2
Orange	Fel	79	73.3	45.0	43	22	12	2	0	497	83.8	75.2	200	203	74	11	9
	Mis	19	61.5	58.0	10	7	2	0	0	103	71.9	47.6	62	23	11	5	2
District Totals	Fel	92	79.9	44.9	50	25	13	3	1	625	106.6	79.8	229	238	106	17	35
	Mis	31	66.8	58.0	16	9	5	1	0	144	80.0	52.2	79	34	18	9	4
District 16																	
Robeson	Fel	159	100.9	68.6	42	65	27	25	0	816	69.5	51.4	464	227	89	31	5
	Mis	98	100.8	81.1	31	39	11	17	0	461	76.8	53.1	251	129	53	25	3
Scotland	Fel	174	156.7	61.1	78	47	18	15	16	162	194.0	128.5	15	59	33	34	21
	Mis	114	153.3	96.0	47	23	14	19	11	120	186.5	108.5	35	27	17	23	18
District Totals	Fel	333	130.1	68.1	120	112	45	40	16	978	90.1	62.2	479	286	122	65	26
	Mis	212	129.0	82.3	78	62	25	36	11	581	99.5	61.2	286	156	70	48	21
District 17																	
Caswell	Fel	21	99.8	90.3	4	12	4	1	0	96	130.3	127.5	38	8	30	16	4
	Mis	29	54.6	47.1	18	10	1	0	0	165	67.5	37.1	103	28	25	9	0
Rockingham	Fel	225	75.8	57.8	122	59	29	9	6	527	97.7	64.5	260	138	40	71	18
	Mis	146	49.4	39.1	99	37	8	2	0	730	61.2	39.7	484	160	53	24	9
Stokes	Fel	14	85.4	47.5	7	5	1	1	0	89	86.7	56.4	46	32	6	2	3
	Mis	29	40.1	32.0	24	5	0	0	0	134	83.8	62.5	65	40	19	8	2
Surry	Fel	94	76.8	82.1	39	35	17	2	1	427	100.6	69.1	152	141	76	48	10
	Mis	163	63.2	51.7	96	41	24	2	0	813	72.9	61.8	401	256	83	71	2
District Totals	Fel	354	77.9	66.8	172	111	51	13	7	1,139	100.7	67.2	496	319	152	137	35
	Mis	367	55.2	44.6	237	93	33	4	0	1,842	68.6	46.2	1,053	484	180	112	13

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District 18																	
Guilford																	
Greensboro	Fel	1,078	211.5	111.2	301	260	155	168	194	1,856	111.4	87.0	590	630	378	209	49
	Mis	327	272.5	95.8	130	43	10	32	112	697	77.8	54.4	366	220	69	31	11
High Point	Fel	318	411.5	269.5	62	70	16	16	154	483	87.8	83.7	165	213	75	28	2
	Mis	82	245.1	66.5	40	16	7	1	18	212	72.3	59.8	107	84	7	14	0
District Totals	Fel	1,396	257.1	132.0	363	330	171	184	348	2,339	106.5	87.2	755	843	453	237	51
	Mis	409	267.0	82.0	170	59	17	33	130	909	76.5	57.2	473	304	76	45	11
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	Fel	134	85.1	27.9	88	30	6	4	6	404	99.9	57.5	206	130	21	34	13
	Mis	165	64.2	38.2	112	32	10	8	3	592	138.8	62.5	288	160	35	50	59
Rowan	Fel	104	271.0	87.8	45	18	1	18	22	560	105.1	57.0	295	145	46	47	27
	Mis	106	260.3	81.8	39	25	1	14	27	428	76.9	45.2	264	102	29	24	9
District Totals	Fel	238	166.3	47.5	133	48	7	22	28	964	102.9	57.2	501	275	67	81	40
	Mis	271	140.9	52.6	151	57	11	22	30	1,020	112.8	72.8	552	262	64	74	68
District 19B																	
Montgomery	Fel	12	91.5	46.1	9	0	0	3	0	191	63.9	33.8	122	42	20	5	2
	Mis	21	93.7	46.2	13	5	0	3	0	181	63.3	42.7	97	62	14	6	2
Randolph	Fel	96	147.2	59.3	49	23	9	6	9	236	84.2	56.5	137	52	20	21	6
	Mis	119	74.3	45.0	77	21	8	12	1	521	98.7	74.7	190	196	70	53	12
District Totals	Fel	108	141.0	58.9	58	23	9	9	9	427	75.1	51.2	259	94	40	26	8
	Mis	140	77.2	45.8	90	26	8	15	1	702	89.6	49.2	287	258	84	59	14
District 20																	
Anson	Fel	17	87.4	17.8	12	3	0	0	2	215	112.5	63.1	84	92	14	16	9
	Mis	25	50.2	18.3	20	3	0	1	1	161	93.0	68.8	68	64	12	14	3
Moore	Fel	65	151.4	41.1	53	5	1	0	6	676	89.4	38.5	463	144	24	19	26
	Mis	29	155.9	31.0	23	3	0	1	2	374	84.2	41.5	239	80	22	16	17
Richmond	Fel	112	265.3	67.0	54	6	3	22	27	609	65.7	47.0	371	182	27	20	9
	Mis	81	263.8	67.0	38	7	2	8	26	395	75.9	61.8	190	157	31	12	5
Stanly	Fel	46	162.2	57.5	23	9	1	7	6	253	87.4	57.6	129	81	24	11	8
	Mis	56	136.9	58.1	29	5	4	17	1	288	102.8	74.0	112	113	33	18	12
Union	Fel	159	196.9	34.0	84	16	12	6	41	631	71.1	41.5	418	136	41	11	25
	Mis	54	102.9	14.5	39	3	3	5	4	430	56.0	40.2	320	83	13	9	5
District Totals	Fel	399	200.0	52.2	226	39	17	35	82	2,384	80.4	45.6	1,465	635	130	77	77
	Mis	245	164.8	44.0	149	21	9	32	34	1,648	79.0	53.2	929	497	111	69	42
District 21																	
Forsyth	Fel	327	69.8	54.9	184	94	32	15	2	1,419	62.1	46.4	897	370	92	56	4
	Mis	176	47.5	31.5	131	28	13	4	0	1,374	58.7	43.1	988	244	77	63	2

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District 22																	
Alexander	Fel	18	29.8	20.0	17	0	1	0	0	75	69.5	66.7	35	36	1	2	1
	Mis	16	226.2	77.0	7	3	1	0	5	104	69.6	54.1	64	29	3	8	0
Davidson	Fel	117	154.9	96.0	45	21	21	16	14	393	83.1	65.2	173	146	43	26	5
	Mis	111	156.9	70.4	38	31	12	16	14	259	47.0	31.4	205	35	12	5	2
Davie	Fel	6	69.7	73.0	1	5	0	0	0	81	136.6	153.9	14	20	39	5	3
	Mis	10	48.3	21.5	8	0	2	0	0	118	77.3	56.5	62	38	8	10	0
Iredell	Fel	42	297.8	80.2	18	11	4	2	7	527	86.5	68.6	209	255	32	18	13
	Mis	56	34.6	19.3	47	5	3	1	0	368	54.4	40.4	261	78	14	15	0
District Totals	Fel	183	172.6	70.3	81	37	26	18	21	1,076	87.8	69.2	431	457	115	51	22
	Mis	193	121.5	55.3	100	39	18	17	19	849	57.2	40.2	592	180	37	38	2
District 23																	
Alleghany	Fel	8	101.9	54.5	4	0	3	1	0	31	187.6	173.0	9	5	2	13	2
	Mis	11	59.1	53.8	9	1	0	1	0	24	183.5	88.5	10	2	5	4	3
Ashe	Fel	28	125.3	93.5	5	10	10	2	1	57	130.4	75.0	21	24	2	2	8
	Mis	21	163.3	74.2	4	9	0	6	2	90	45.5	19.7	66	11	6	7	0
Wilkes	Fel	92	144.2	95.1	36	13	15	27	1	214	122.5	87.0	75	56	35	42	6
	Mis	176	105.8	39.2	98	18	28	30	2	204	118.1	92.5	45	76	41	38	4
Yadkin	Fel	92	120.0	70.0	20	49	7	11	5	90	137.6	106.3	13	41	13	20	3
	Mis	47	78.1	32.0	31	11	2	1	2	126	123.1	81.5	30	50	22	18	6
District Totals	Fel	220	130.1	70.4	65	72	35	41	7	392	132.3	87.8	118	126	52	77	19
	Mis	255	103.4	39.3	142	39	30	38	6	444	108.3	81.8	151	139	74	67	13
District 24																	
Avery	Fel	55	204.1	140.0	5	22	6	16	6	87	248.9	173.2	4	14	27	29	13
	Mis	16	195.3	141.5	7	0	3	3	3	27	347.8	278.0	1	4	2	8	12
Madison	Fel	32	751.3	1,041.6	2	0	7	1	22	22	220.8	206.0	1	3	5	9	4
	Mis	16	174.1	136.8	2	5	4	4	1	42	176.1	133.5	13	7	5	11	6
Mitchell	Fel	11	47.2	32.0	9	2	0	0	0	39	186.2	115.2	7	16	3	9	4
	Mis	1	5.0	5.0	1	0	0	0	0	25	183.9	128.0	8	4	1	9	3
Watauga	Fel	80	155.8	115.9	17	33	10	17	3	104	103.7	58.0	53	18	6	23	4
	Mis	8	97.3	33.5	5	1	0	2	0	49	98.1	86.0	2	26	20	1	0
Yancey	Fel	14	219.5	206.0	3	2	1	4	4	14	175.4	102.8	5	4	3	0	2
	Mis	19	265.8	282.0	4	1	3	7	4	15	253.1	217.0	0	1	2	9	3
District Totals	Fel	192	267.3	124.0	36	59	24	38	35	266	176.7	137.4	70	55	44	70	27
	Mis	60	195.7	141.5	19	7	10	16	8	158	189.8	121.4	24	42	30	38	24

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District 25																	
Burke	Fel	36	57.7	33.1	29	4	1	1	1	259	163.5	71.7	113	71	7	32	36
	Mis	36	56.8	19.9	28	2	4	2	0	172	124.7	54.7	91	43	8	13	17
Caldwell	Fel	69	150.8	134.0	23	3	14	28	1	289	97.3	68.6	118	119	9	39	4
	Mis	54	54.8	31.0	40	7	5	2	0	224	73.4	55.5	114	84	12	11	3
Catawba	Fel	226	150.4	62.2	80	79	23	14	30	787	130.4	90.2	233	283	115	109	47
	Mis	95	169.0	81.0	41	14	6	20	14	425	90.6	74.5	145	203	51	20	6
District Totals	Fel	331	140.4	62.2	132	86	38	43	32	1,335	129.7	77.2	464	473	131	180	87
	Mis	185	113.8	51.3	109	23	15	24	14	821	93.1	67.2	350	330	71	44	26
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	Fel	588	200.0	67.5	269	122	71	51	75	1,784	109.0	70.5	726	642	215	107	94
	Mis	148	203.7	75.5	64	45	9	6	24	1,153	111.6	55.6	607	275	68	129	74
District 27A																	
Gaston	Fel	333	66.5	54.7	178	119	24	8	4	1,469	87.1	63.7	676	544	138	84	27
	Mis	64	81.7	33.0	43	8	3	8	2	371	59.4	34.3	277	49	17	23	5
District 27B																	
Cleveland	Fel	127	132.2	47.9	71	15	20	4	17	358	61.2	38.9	219	105	17	16	1
	Mis	49	130.9	53.0	25	9	6	3	6	98	58.4	46.5	56	37	4	1	0
Lincoln	Fel	21	93.4	95.3	5	8	8	0	0	343	73.7	47.8	212	78	24	22	7
	Mis	1	41.0	40.0	1	0	0	0	0	67	70.7	54.0	36	26	4	0	1
District Totals	Fel	148	126.7	48.3	76	23	28	4	17	701	67.3	41.6	431	183	41	38	8
	Mis	50	129.1	48.5	26	9	6	3	6	165	63.4	51.2	92	63	8	1	1
District 28																	
Buncombe	Fel	313	75.0	37.7	226	38	24	10	15	962	81.1	68.8	405	402	97	52	6
	Mis	68	55.5	29.8	48	11	4	5	0	490	53.5	36.6	330	128	21	11	0
District 29																	
Henderson	Fel	37	100.0	47.3	21	8	3	2	3	369	92.6	67.3	141	156	39	22	11
	Mis	13	154.8	108.7	4	4	1	2	2	97	105.9	52.3	52	17	12	11	5
McDowell	Fel	43	271.7	295.7	12	0	3	24	4	117	133.8	121.2	20	35	40	14	8
	Mis	14	135.1	96.8	6	3	2	1	2	39	161.9	81.0	13	7	4	8	7
Polk	Fel	113	208.0	160.1	4	9	72	20	8	130	208.0	148.7	1	8	89	14	18
	Mis	15	253.3	305.0	3	2	0	7	3	25	217.6	155.2	1	6	9	5	4
Rutherford	Fel	69	110.9	55.2	40	14	5	2	8	276	174.5	81.0	70	121	34	19	32
	Mis	65	76.8	58.0	33	17	11	4	0	184	174.3	89.1	31	91	15	24	23
Transylvania	Fel	62	243.0	140.3	11	7	21	13	10	72	132.3	94.9	18	35	4	11	4
	Mis	20	386.3	140.2	3	2	7	3	5	24	74.9	65.5	10	10	4	0	0
District Totals	Fel	324	190.1	159.5	88	38	104	61	33	964	139.6	87.8	250	355	206	80	73
	Mis	127	160.8	80.4	49	28	21	17	12	369	151.5	83.2	107	131	44	48	39

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 30		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
Cherokee	Fel	35	366.1	381.0	2	5	4	6	18	79	123.5	70.0	33	18	14	10	4
	Mis	46	289.6	239.7	9	4	5	17	11	62	213.7	141.5	5	21	9	17	10
Clay	Fel	3	105.0	12.2	2	0	0	1	0	20	117.8	61.5	10	0	7	3	0
	Mis	3	86.7	83.0	1	1	1	0	0	7	163.1	96.0	1	4	0	1	1
Graham	Fel	11	163.5	73.1	3	5	0	1	2	27	120.6	41.0	17	3	3	2	2
	Mis	22	199.6	117.5	6	5	2	4	5	19	126.7	135.6	8	1	6	4	0
Haywood	Fel	133	299.0	130.6	43	18	14	10	48	181	132.0	75.0	78	60	20	11	12
	Mis	130	317.1	226.5	27	22	10	20	51	253	196.1	139.8	49	62	36	65	41
Jackson	Fel	63	107.2	57.5	46	3	4	7	3	127	333.7	180.7	36	16	11	14	50
	Mis	51	163.5	59.0	26	6	4	8	7	58	284.7	241.5	5	12	6	17	18
Macon	Fel	54	132.6	61.8	26	9	4	10	5	94	191.5	122.2	25	19	12	29	9
	Mis	37	171.5	89.2	13	8	6	4	6	25	152.8	122.2	3	8	6	8	0
Swain	Fel	7	140.9	127.3	1	0	5	1	0	17	220.2	224.0	5	0	3	3	6
	Mis	22	140.0	94.0	6	7	1	8	0	15	141.1	141.0	6	1	4	4	0
District Totals	Fel	306	227.4	103.5	123	40	31	36	76	545	189.7	89.8	204	116	70	72	83
	Mis	311	247.5	146.7	88	53	29	61	80	439	202.4	140.0	77	109	67	116	70
STATE TOTALS	Fel	10,803	159.1	72.6	4,656	2,511	1,301	1,145	1,190	36,169	102.9	68.2	16,107	11,321	4,222	3,092	1,427
	Mis	6,805	144.7	66.4	3,250	1,335	734	818	668	25,047	93.5	59.2	12,727	6,883	2,528	2,118	791

PART IV, Section 2

District Court Division Caseflow Data

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow in 1979-80 of both cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's district courts (cases which must be handled by one of the State's district court judges), and cases pending, filed and disposed of before magistrates. When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy is $800 or less, the case may be denominated a "small claims" civil case and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. In certain criminal matters, magistrates are authorized to accept defendant's waiver of court appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges; these waivers of appearance are permitted in many motor vehicle cases and in certain worthless check cases. In a limited number of other (non-motor vehicle) criminal cases, magistrates may try the case upon defendant's plea of not guilty. Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil cases and criminal cases are to the district court judge.

This section contains data on three major case classifications: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Each of the three is subdivided into two or more case categories. Civil cases include "civil magistrate" cases (small claims cases, as defined above), "domestic relations" cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case: a child may be alleged to be "delinquent" or "undisciplined" on the basis of an offense, or a child may be alleged to be "neglected" by his legal guardian or "dependent" upon the State for his or her care or protection. (As of January 1, 1980, a fifth condition may be alleged in a juvenile petition: that the child is "abused." Data on proceedings following allegations of abuse are not included in the data presented here.) District court criminal cases are divided into "motor vehicle" cases (when the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) or non-motor vehicle cases.

As the pie charts on the following page illustrate, district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in 1979-80 out-numbered civil cases by a substantial margin. Motor vehicle criminal cases constituted over half of the total filings and dispositions, and non-motor vehicle criminal cases constituted another fourth of the total. Among the civil cases, about two-thirds (just over fourteen percent of the total) were small claims cases filed before magistrates. The remainder were domestic relations cases (4.1% of the total filed and 4.0% of the total disposed of) and general civil cases (3.4% of the filings and 3.4% of the dispositions as well).

The graphs on the ages of district court division civil cases and criminal cases show that district court cases are, for the most part, disposed of rather rapidly. The median age of the district court civil cases disposed of in 1979-80 was 27.0 days. For criminal cases, the median age of the motor vehicle cases disposed of was 21.0 days, and of the non-motor vehicle cases 20.0 days. Among the district court cases still pending as of the end of the year, the median age for civil cases was 133.3 days, for motor vehicle cases 30.0 days, and for non-motor vehicle cases 38.3 days.*

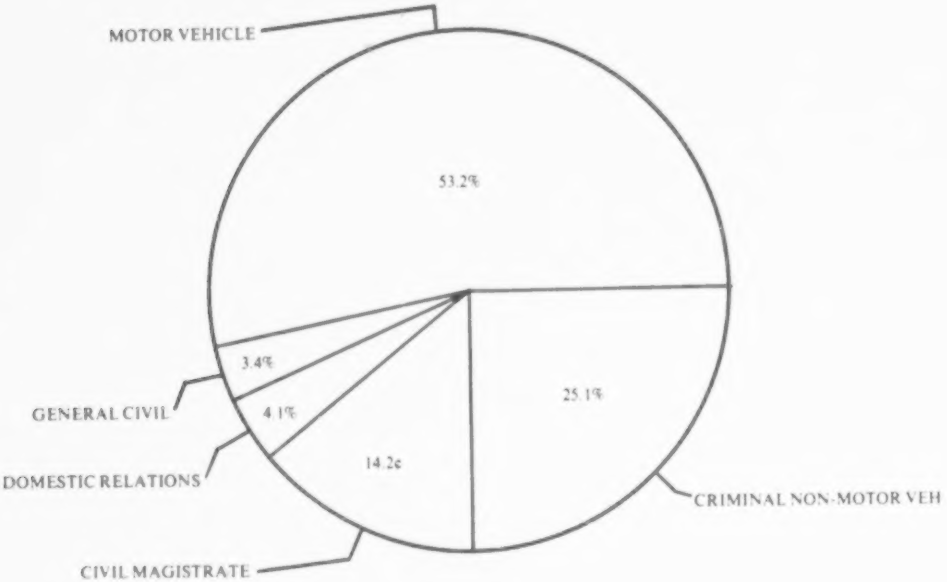
The higher age of the district court civil cases pending on June 30, 1980 is indicative of the fact that both domestic relations and general civil cases can be expected to take much longer from filing to disposition than either civil cases which are handled by magistrates or criminal cases. This difference is not reflected in the median ages of the cases disposed of during 1979-80 which are illustrated in the graph: because small claims case dispositions out-number other district court civil cases by about two to one, the median age of all district court division civil cases typifies the quickly disposed-of civil magistrate cases rather than the civil cases which are disposed of before a judge.

* The median age of a set of cases is the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of all the cases and younger than the other 50%.

The graphs do not show data for juvenile proceedings. These are not reported to AOC by case number and filing and disposition date, as are other cases, and so cannot be included. The same is true for proceedings relating to the commitment or recommitment of persons alleged to be mentally incompetent to the State's four mental hospitals. Data on these proceedings are included in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS, 1979-80

FILINGS



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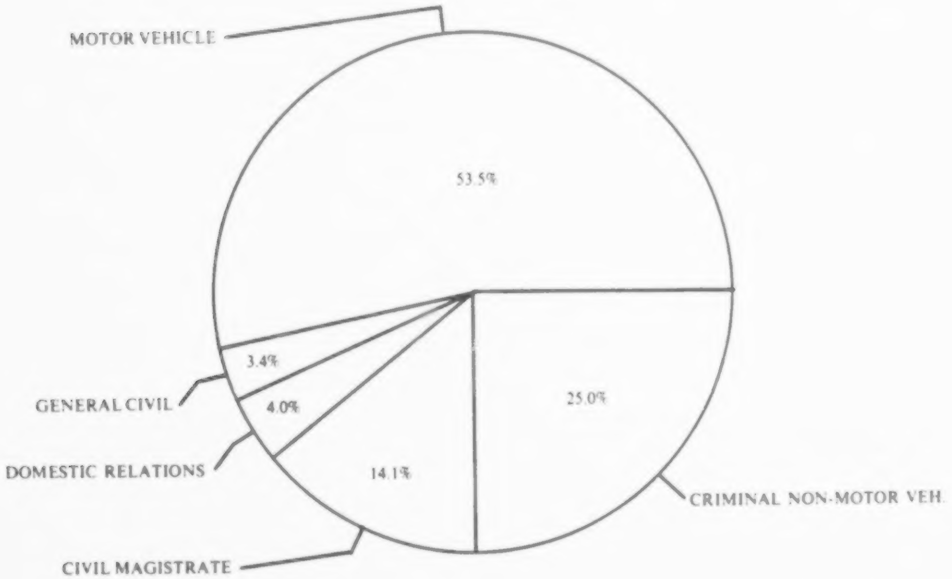
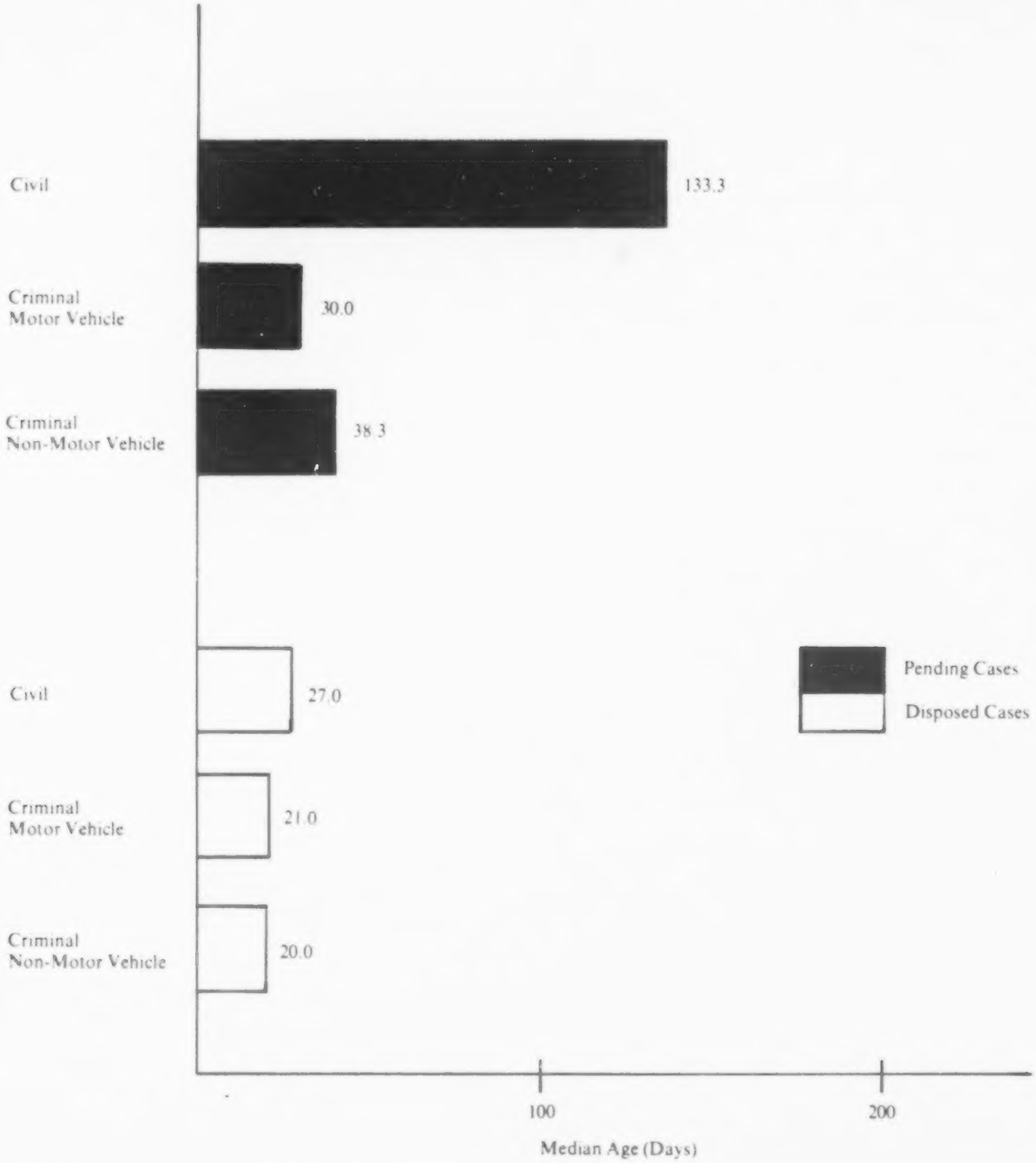


Traffic cases dominate not only the district court caseloads, as depicted here, but also the total caseload facing the State's trial courts. Of *all* cases filed during the 1979-80 year (including superior court civil and criminal cases, estates and special proceedings, and district court civil and criminal cases), 48.6% were traffic cases.

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

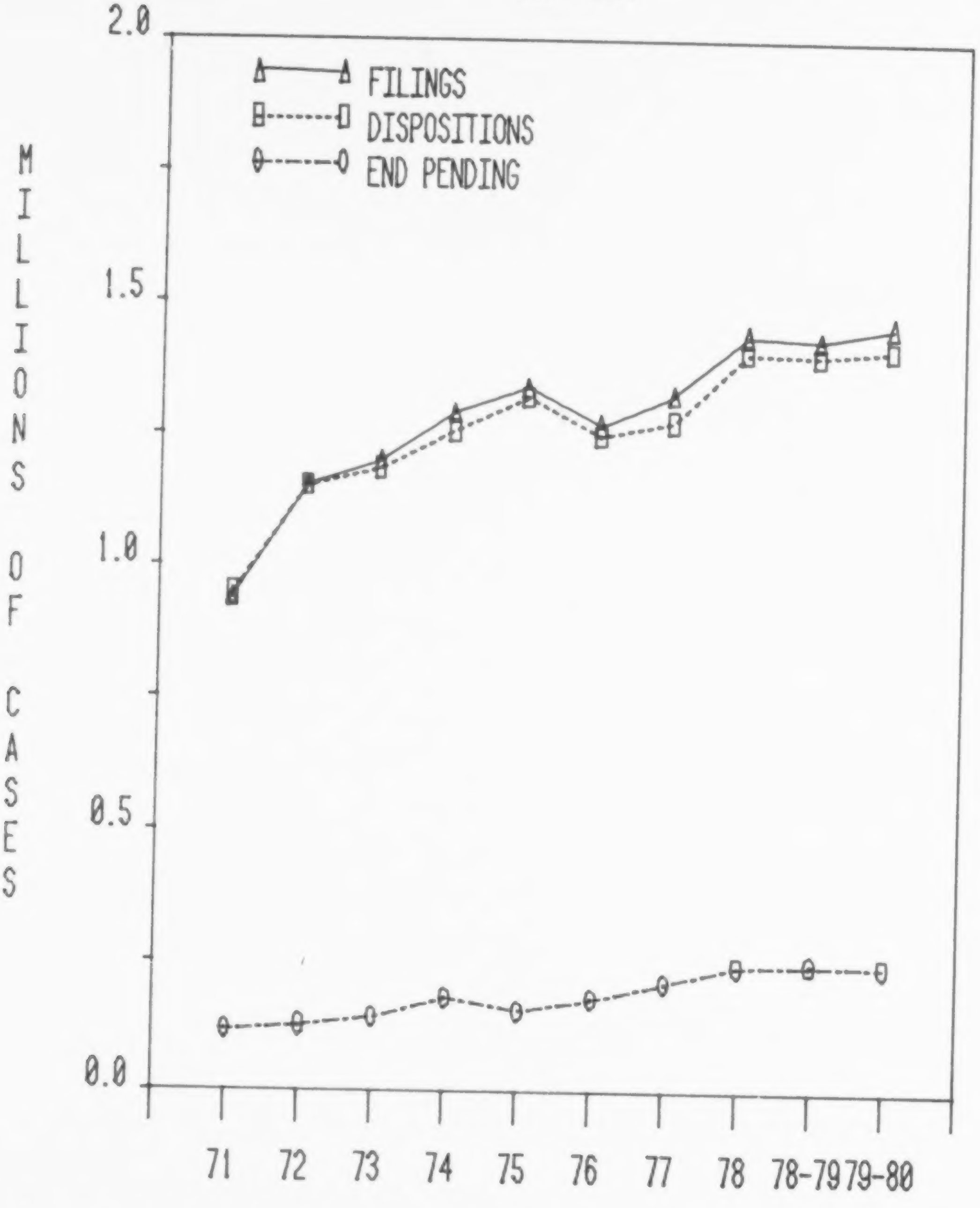
Lifetimes of District Court Cases

Median Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and of Cases Disposed During 1797-80.



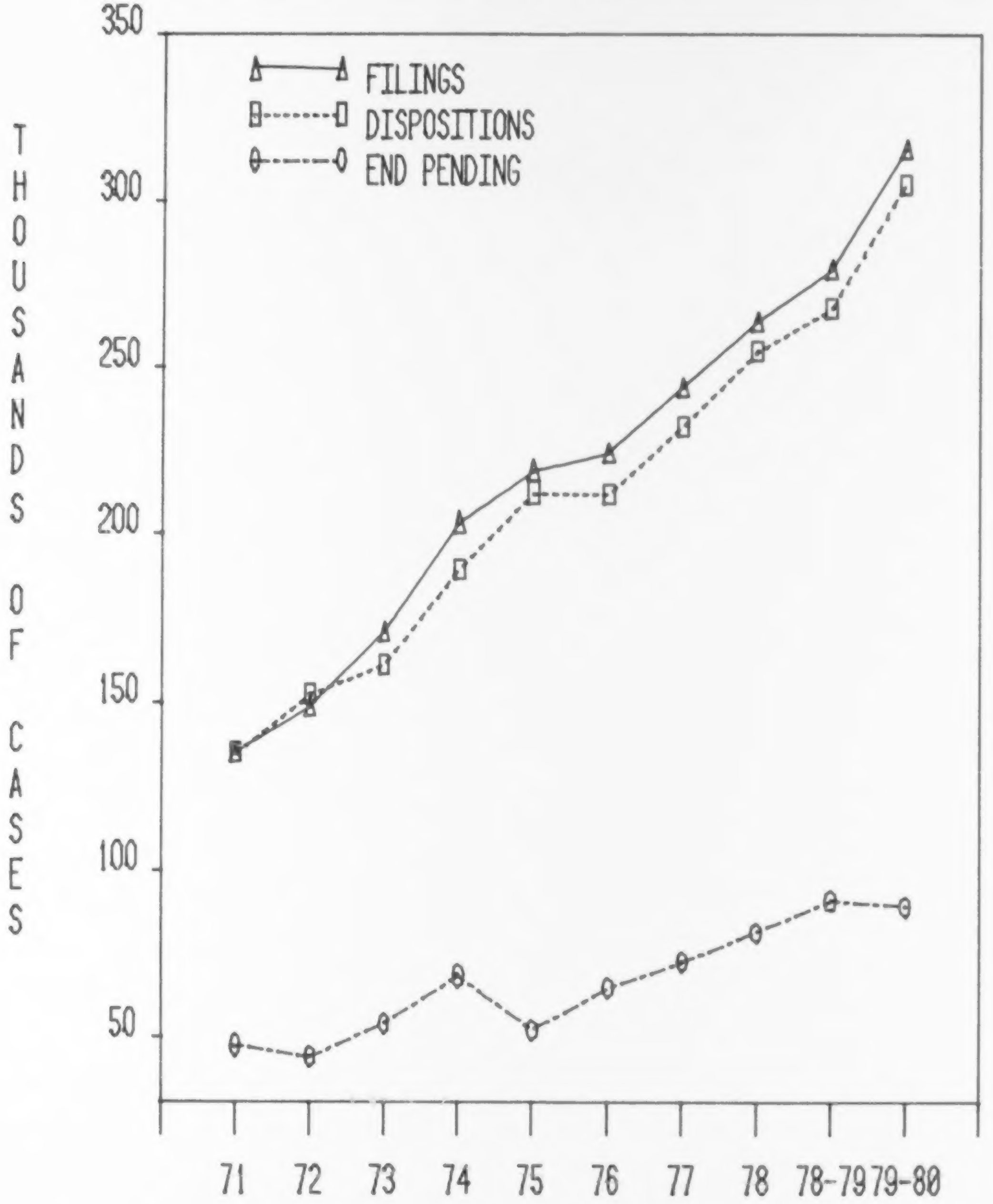
Most district court cases are relatively short-lived, as indicated by this graph. While criminal cases at this level normally pass through the court system rapidly, the same is not necessarily true of civil cases. The low median age of civil cases disposed is largely a reflection of civil magistrate cases, since 65.6% of all civil district court cases disposed of this year were at the magistrate level. Because of the smaller number of year-end pending civil magistrate cases (only 29% of pending cases were civil magistrate), the median pending age is of larger magnitude, as influenced by the longer processing times of general civil and domestic relations cases.

CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
1971-1980



An overall picture of district court caseload is determined by the criminal caseload and particularly by the volume of traffic cases. Of all cases filed and disposed in the district courts during the 1979-80 year, 78.3% of the filings and 78.4% of the dispositions were in the criminal category.

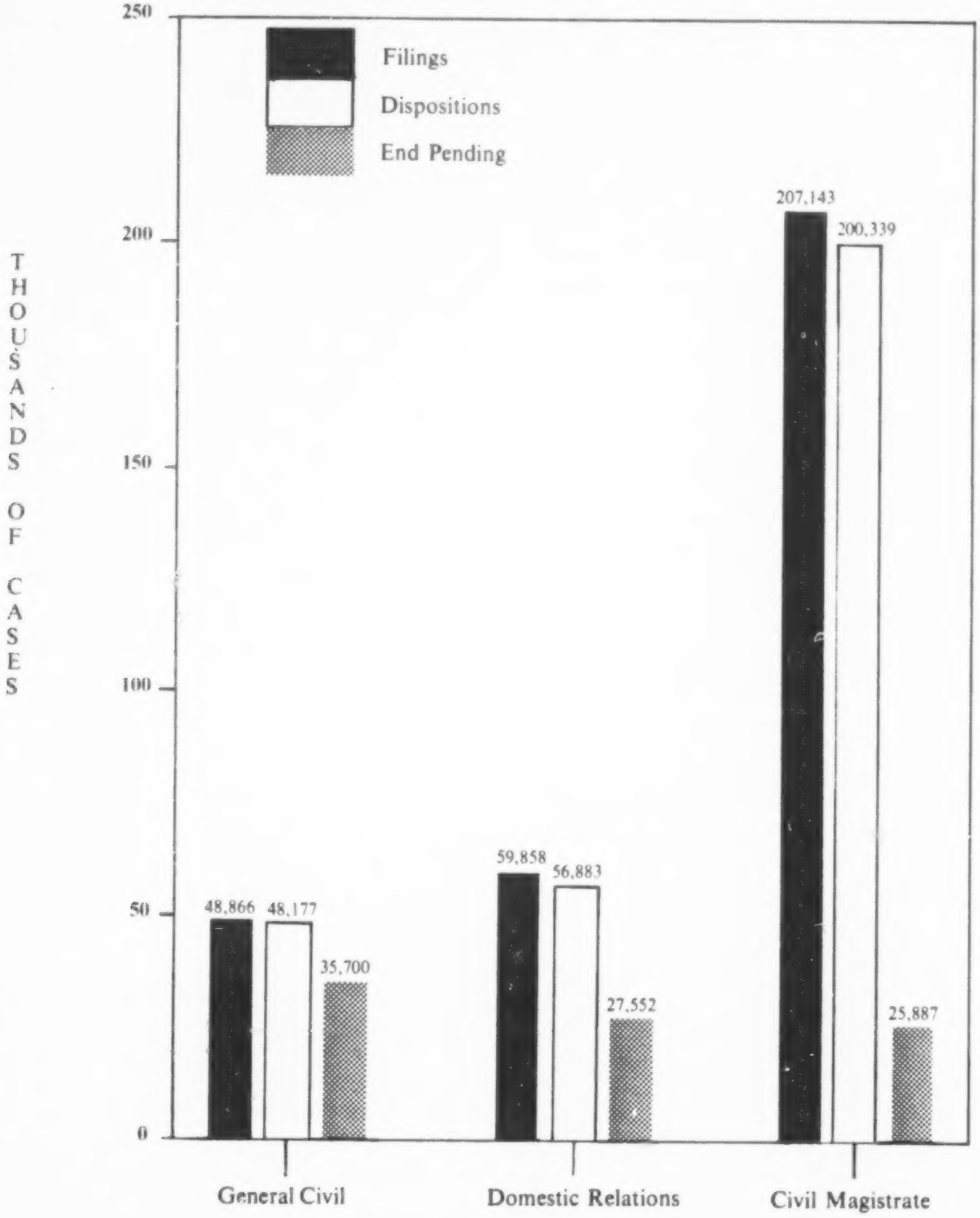
CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
1971-1980



Civil caseloads in the district courts have increased sharply each year for the ten years that data have been collected. 1979-80 filings are 13% higher than 1978-79 filings, with civil magistrate cases accounting for the major portion of the increase. The 14% jump in dispositions during the past year may help to explain the first recent decrease in pending cases; 90,754 cases were pending on June 30, 1979, while 89,139 remained open on June 30, 1980.

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

General Civil, Domestic Relations, and Civil Magistrate Cases In The District Courts — 1979-80



Civil magistrate cases dominate the civil district court caseload, with 1979-80 filings showing an increase of 15.7% over 1978-79 filings. Domestic relations cases, while of a much smaller magnitude, are also growing; the 59,858 cases filed during 1979-80 year represent a 10.7% increase over 1978-79 figures.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

		Filings							
District 1	Pending 7/1/79	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Civil Magistrate	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
Camden	21	169	12	28	129	190	165	86.8	25
Chowan	166	1,258	96	168	994	1,424	1,145	80.4	279
Currituck	99	559	69	90	400	658	488	74.1	170
Dare	176	688	126	84	478	864	650	75.2	214
Gates	66	465	43	44	378	531	465	87.5	66
Pasquotank	199	1,188	172	293	723	1,387	1,119	80.6	268
Perquimans	59	424	37	48	339	483	408	84.4	75
District Totals	786	4,751	555	755	3,441	5,537	4,440	80.1	1,097
District 2									
Beaufort	351	2,504	125	444	1,935	2,855	2,454	85.9	401
Hyde	36	201	23	39	139	237	192	81.0	45
Martin	280	1,648	62	224	1,362	1,928	1,607	83.3	321
Tyrrell	18	216	4	36	176	234	193	82.4	41
Washington	117	1,036	164	109	763	1,153	943	81.7	210
District Totals	802	5,605	378	852	4,375	6,407	5,389	84.1	1,018
District 3									
Carteret	487	1,945	289	446	1,210	2,432	1,835	75.4	597
Craven	934	3,511	669	953	1,889	4,445	3,420	76.9	1,025
Pamlico	65	431	36	89	306	496	392	79.0	104
Pitt	1,531	4,973	854	698	3,421	6,504	5,111	78.5	1,393
District Totals	3,017	10,860	1,848	2,186	6,826	13,877	10,758	77.5	3,119
District 4									
Duplin	471	2,899	234	246	2,419	3,370	2,833	84.0	537
Jones	58	455	63	103	289	513	422	82.2	91
Onslow	1,285	4,061	333	1,310	2,418	5,346	3,903	73.0	1,443
Sampson	463	3,605	277	493	2,835	4,068	3,259	80.1	809
District Totals	2,277	11,020	907	2,152	7,961	13,297	10,417	78.3	2,880
District 5									
New Hanover	2,196	6,755	1,393	1,659	3,703	8,951	6,193	69.1	2,758
Pender	203	821	148	196	477	1,024	740	72.2	284
District Totals	2,399	7,576	1,541	1,855	4,180	9,975	6,933	69.5	3,042
District 6									
Bertie	245	1,431	54	231	1,146	1,676	1,484	88.5	192
Halifax	911	3,026	175	583	2,268	3,937	3,185	80.8	752
Hertford	373	1,346	235	238	873	1,719	1,403	81.6	316
Northampton	239	1,108	144	51	913	1,347	1,145	85.0	202
District Totals	1,768	6,911	608	1,103	5,200	8,679	7,217	83.1	1,462
District 7									
Edgecombe	796	5,598	372	645	4,581	6,394	5,291	82.7	1,103
Nash	913	3,793	492	559	2,742	4,706	3,879	82.4	827
Wilson	817	4,426	677	834	2,915	5,243	4,073	77.6	1,170
District Totals	2,526	13,817	1,541	2,038	10,238	16,343	13,243	81.0	3,100
District 8									
Greene	91	593	52	118	423	684	570	83.3	114
Lenoir	1,216	4,520	579	876	3,065	5,736	4,761	83.0	975
Wayne	2,232	6,705	1,395	1,467	3,843	8,937	6,782	75.8	2,155
District Totals	3,539	11,818	2,026	2,461	7,331	15,357	12,113	78.8	3,244
District 9									
Franklin	264	1,676	106	236	1,334	1,940	1,634	84.2	306
Granville	307	1,598	198	227	1,173	1,905	1,650	86.6	255
Person	510	1,756	213	284	1,259	2,266	1,885	83.1	381
Vance	351	2,981	155	461	2,365	3,332	2,487	74.6	845
Warren	406	880	80	291	509	1,286	933	72.5	353
District Totals	1,838	8,891	752	1,499	6,640	10,729	8,589	80.0	2,140
District 10									
Wake	6,743	16,962	4,196	3,033	9,733	23,705	16,409	69.2	7,296

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Pending 7/1/79	Filings Total	Filings General Civil	Filings Domestic Relations	Filings Civil Magistrate	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
District 11									
Harnett	943	2,677	135	517	1,594	3,620	2,619	72.3	1,001
Johnston	1,061	4,321	662	869	2,790	5,382	3,911	72.6	1,471
Lee	624	1,978	731	0	1,247	2,602	1,872	71.9	730
District Totals	2,628	8,976	1,959	1,386	5,631	11,604	8,402	72.4	3,202
District 12									
Cumberland	2,890	12,834	1,511	3,046	8,277	15,724	12,814	81.4	2,910
Hoke	139	1,035	173	159	703	1,174	1,032	87.9	142
District Totals	3,029	13,869	1,684	3,205	8,980	16,898	13,846	81.9	3,052
District 13									
Bladen	347	1,792	271	212	1,309	2,139	1,690	79.0	449
Brunswick	503	1,511	291	292	928	2,014	1,409	69.9	605
Columbus	822	3,193	422	534	2,237	4,015	3,046	75.8	969
District Totals	1,672	6,496	984	1,038	4,474	8,168	6,145	75.2	2,023
District 14									
Durham	3,668	16,096	1,855	2,014	12,227	19,764	16,023	81.0	3,741
District 15A									
Alamance	514	3,874	561	1,093	2,220	4,388	3,761	85.7	627
District 15B									
Chatham	266	1,590	113	209	1,268	1,856	1,616	87.0	240
Orange	519	2,378	485	525	1,368	2,897	2,067	71.3	830
District Totals	785	3,968	598	734	2,636	4,753	3,683	77.4	1,070
District 16									
Robeson	1,532	8,061	1,144	1,580	5,337	9,593	7,836	81.6	1,757
Scotland	469	1,897	166	210	1,521	2,366	1,911	80.7	455
District Totals	2,001	9,958	1,310	1,790	6,858	11,959	9,747	81.5	2,212
District 17									
Caswell	122	724	49	119	556	846	686	81.0	160
Rockingham	549	3,415	501	790	2,124	3,964	3,242	81.7	722
Stokes	135	890	94	176	620	1,025	854	83.3	171
Surry	700	3,249	483	460	2,306	3,949	3,134	79.3	815
District Totals	1,506	8,278	1,127	1,545	5,606	9,784	7,916	80.9	1,868
District 18									
Guilford	4,942	22,718	4,019	3,996	14,703	27,660	21,479	77.6	6,181
District 19A									
Cabarrus	1,110	4,144	1,339	704	2,101	5,254	3,900	74.2	1,354
Rowan	606	3,763	477	742	2,544	4,369	3,596	82.3	773
District Totals	1,716	7,907	1,816	1,446	4,645	9,623	7,496	77.8	2,127
District 19B									
Montgomery	388	1,508	217	88	1,203	1,896	1,435	75.6	461
Randolph	407	2,690	319	771	1,600	3,097	2,722	87.8	375
District Totals	795	4,198	536	859	2,803	4,993	4,157	83.2	836
District 20									
Anson	192	963	53	173	737	1,155	941	81.4	214
Moore	547	2,526	326	440	1,760	3,073	2,493	81.1	580
Richmond	1,326	2,531	242	410	1,879	3,857	2,929	75.9	928
Stanly	494	2,330	446	226	1,658	2,824	2,223	78.7	601
Union	547	2,645	348	374	1,923	3,192	2,559	80.1	633
District Totals	3,106	10,995	1,415	1,623	7,957	14,101	11,145	79.0	2,956

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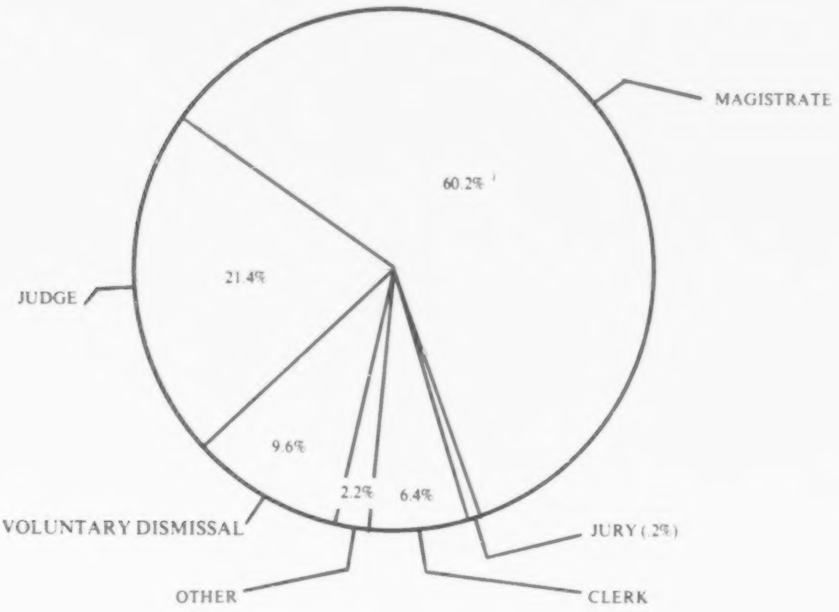
		Filings							
	Pending 7/1/79	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Civil Magistrate	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
District 21									
Forsyth	2,406	13,492	2,720	2,971	7,801	15,898	13,182	82.9	2,716
District 22									
Alexander	94	779	64	148	567	873	639	73.1	234
Davidson	612	3,562	486	978	2,098	4,174	3,552	85.0	622
Davie	145	898	125	158	615	1,043	789	75.6	254
Iredell	614	3,615	492	548	2,575	4,229	3,474	82.1	755
District Totals	1,465	8,854	1,167	1,832	5,855	10,319	8,454	81.9	1,865
District 23									
Alleghany	69	528	86	68	374	597	515	86.2	82
Ashe	79	699	70	100	529	778	620	79.6	158
Wilkes	942	3,214	960	525	1,729	4,156	3,262	78.4	894
Yadkin	278	1,458	177	184	1,097	1,736	1,451	83.5	285
District Totals	1,368	5,899	1,293	877	3,729	7,267	5,848	80.4	1,419
District 24									
Avery	88	441	140	31	270	529	401	75.8	128
Madison	54	283	29	66	188	337	274	81.3	63
Mitchell	53	372	64	68	240	425	332	78.1	93
Watauga	246	940	275	181	484	1,186	853	71.9	333
Yancey	79	341	49	87	205	420	319	75.9	101
District Totals	520	2,377	557	433	1,387	2,897	2,179	75.2	718
District 25									
Burke	651	2,820	337	819	1,664	3,471	2,521	72.6	950
Caldwell	644	3,058	372	546	2,140	3,702	2,839	76.6	863
Catawba	1,125	4,608	953	943	2,712	5,733	4,435	77.3	1,298
District Totals	2,420	10,486	1,662	2,308	6,516	12,906	9,795	75.8	3,111
District 26									
Mecklenburg	11,811	30,511	5,082	5,487	19,942	42,322	28,797	68.0	13,525
District 27A									
Gaston	1,461	6,797	775	2,312	3,710	8,258	6,190	74.9	2,068
District 27B									
Cleveland	543	4,006	420	749	2,837	4,549	3,773	82.9	776
Lincoln	204	1,513	320	372	821	1,717	1,473	85.7	244
District Totals	747	5,519	740	1,121	3,658	6,266	5,246	83.7	1,020
District 28									
Buncombe	1,927	7,011	1,246	1,683	4,082	8,938	7,139	79.8	1,799
District 29									
Henderson	413	1,294	247	369	678	1,707	1,276	74.7	431
McDowell	294	918	110	327	481	1,212	960	79.2	252
Polk	72	266	23	66	177	338	268	79.2	70
Rutherford	249	1,821	280	327	1,214	2,070	1,655	79.9	415
Transylvania	276	906	126	206	574	1,182	892	75.4	290
District Totals	1,304	5,205	786	1,295	3,124	6,509	5,051	77.6	1,458
District 30									
Cherokee	204	465	4	178	283	669	464	69.3	205
Clay	38	150	41	23	86	188	155	82.4	33
Graham	44	144	16	52	76	188	148	78.7	40
Haywood	404	1,664	181	341	1,142	2,068	1,758	85.0	310
Jackson	209	659	146	101	412	868	682	78.5	186
Macon	199	700	94	119	487	899	672	74.7	227
Swain	87	390	140	62	188	477	331	69.3	146
District Totals	1,185	4,172	622	876	2,674	5,357	4,210	78.5	1,147
STATE TOTALS	78,671	315,867	48,866	59,858	207,143	394,538	305,399	77.4	89,139

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASES
1979-80



Magistrates handle the bulk of civil cases in the district court division. Judges decide the outcomes of most of the domestic relations and general civil cases that comprise the rest of the district court caseload.

Manner of Disposition of Civil Cases in the District Courts

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations					Civil Magistrate			
District 1	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Magis-trate	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Camden	165	3	0	3	3	5	12	0	0	1	13	88	0	37	0
Chowan	1,145	26	1	41	30	1	146	0	0	3	1	896	0	0	0
Currituck	488	27	0	8	13	6	45	0	0	5	4	380	0	0	0
Dare	650	29	0	30	39	6	82	0	0	7	5	447	0	4	1
Gates	465	6	0	17	15	0	35	0	0	2	0	370	0	20	0
Pasquotank	1,119	25	1	60	36	37	246	0	0	15	12	687	0	0	0
Perquimans	408	6	0	19	10	0	39	0	2	8	0	212	0	112	0
District Totals	4,440	122	2	178	146	55	605	0	2	41	35	3,080	0	173	1
District 2															
Beaufort	2,454	35	3	46	20	6	385	1	1	7	35	1,889	0	1	25
Hyde	192	15	0	4	5	0	36	0	0	1	3	128	0	0	0
Martin	1,607	12	0	21	5	10	187	0	1	1	0	1,370	0	0	0
Tyrrell	193	2	0	0	0	0	24	0	2	1	2	162	0	0	0
Washington	943	21	0	78	20	9	92	0	2	3	1	717	0	0	0
District Totals	5,389	85	3	149	50	25	724	1	6	13	41	4,266	0	1	25
District 3															
Carteret	1,835	105	3	70	96	10	342	1	3	28	14	521	14	530	98
Craven	3,420	182	2	265	246	7	747	1	5	140	5	1,808	0	10	2
Pamlico	392	15	1	10	10	6	60	0	1	10	6	272	0	0	1
Pitt	5,111	314	5	290	333	79	572	0	4	143	83	3,268	0	19	1
District Totals	10,758	616	11	635	685	102	1,721	2	13	321	108	5,869	14	559	102
District 4															
Duplin	2,833	72	6	94	58	5	221	0	5	20	8	2,333	0	10	1
Jones	422	11	0	31	9	2	93	0	0	3	1	176	0	93	3
Onslow	3,903	132	4	97	77	0	945	2	10	137	13	2,485	0	0	1
Sampson	3,259	83	2	90	53	7	359	0	4	42	3	2,592	24	0	0
District Totals	10,417	298	12	312	197	14	1,618	2	19	202	25	7,586	24	103	5
District 5															
New Hanover	6,193	431	23	469	346	3	1,455	7	7	60	2	3,386	1	3	0
Pender	740	32	1	72	10	7	156	0	2	2	3	345	0	110	0
District Totals	6,933	463	24	541	356	10	1,611	7	9	62	5	3,731	1	113	0
District 6															
Bertie	1,484	33	0	29	19	0	195	1	6	29	10	1,161	0	0	1
Halifax	3,185	24	0	93	8	127	478	0	1	7	159	1,203	0	1	1,084
Hertford	1,403	50	2	166	38	18	155	2	1	16	56	896	0	1	2
Northampton	1,145	112	0	27	8	11	35	0	0	4	16	932	0	0	0
District Totals	7,217	219	2	315	73	156	863	3	8	56	241	4,192	0	2	1,087

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations					Civil Magistrate			
	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Magistrate	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 7															
Edgecombe	5,291	82	0	118	58	10	454	0	4	44	21	4,497	0	0	3
Nash	3,879	231	4	185	139	11	599	0	3	27	3	2,672	5	0	0
Wilson	4,073	272	2	115	88	9	639	0	9	31	15	1,453	0	1,438	2
District Totals	13,243	585	6	418	285	30	1,692	0	16	102	39	8,622	5	1,438	5
District 8															
Greene	570	42	0	4	6	1	92	0	0	9	2	412	0	0	2
Lenoir	4,761	356	11	228	240	1	793	4	14	78	1	3,035	0	0	0
Wayne	6,782	353	3	439	645	43	1,272	0	9	197	76	2,186	0	1,556	3
District Totals	12,113	751	14	671	891	45	2,157	4	23	284	79	5,633	0	1,556	5
District 9															
Franklin	1,634	83	0	36	19	31	209	0	9	7	21	1,096	5	117	1
Granville	1,650	53	0	76	44	6	154	0	27	12	7	1,269	0	2	0
Person	1,885	83	2	104	39	20	196	0	2	22	27	1,388	0	1	1
Vance	2,487	34	0	44	55	20	353	0	5	30	29	1,576	0	330	11
Warren	933	48	0	16	15	12	144	0	2	1	110	580	0	0	5
District Totals	8,589	301	2	276	172	89	1,056	0	45	72	194	5,909	5	450	18
District 10															
Wake	16,409	1,720	12	1,493	1,125	33	2,368	3	12	143	53	6,937	2	2,505	3
District 11															
Harnett	2,619	129	2	133	213	31	472	0	5	40	19	1,568	0	0	7
Johnston	3,911	215	5	62	159	153	700	1	9	59	17	2,527	0	4	0
Lee	1,872	273	0	176	28	122	4	0	0	1	3	1,247	17	0	1
District Totals	8,402	617	7	371	400	306	1,176	1	14	100	39	5,342	17	4	8
District 12															
Cumberland	12,814	366	5	704	454	4	2,526	1	178	349	1	6,205	1,439	580	2
Hoke	1,032	41	0	78	33	43	71	0	5	13	77	671	0	0	0
District Totals	13,846	407	5	782	487	47	2,597	1	183	362	78	6,876	1,439	580	2
District 13															
Bladen	1,690	42	7	120	79	7	165	1	2	17	3	1,196	3	46	2
Brunswick	1,409	94	9	65	42	46	251	2	3	21	13	861	0	0	2
Columbus	3,046	117	22	134	194	3	439	0	3	88	0	2,041	1	1	3
District Totals	6,145	253	38	319	315	56	855	3	8	126	16	4,098	4	47	7

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations					Civil Magistrate			
	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Magis-trate	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 14															
Durham	16,023	440	6	714	402	165	1,742	2	15	89	447	11,998	0	2	1
District 15A															
Alamance	3,761	148	12	173	174	36	779	2	36	90	192	1,725	1	392	1
District 15B															
Chatham	1,616	31	3	50	25	0	219	0	0	9	0	1,279	0	0	0
Orange	2,067	177	5	55	81	22	300	0	10	26	58	1,319	0	3	11
District Totals	3,683	208	8	105	106	22	519	0	10	35	58	2,598	0	3	11
District 16															
Robeson	7,836	230	8	358	486	39	1,450	1	5	123	10	4,050	0	1,069	7
Scotland	1,911	54	0	69	50	3	260	0	1	13	11	673	0	776	1
District Totals	9,747	284	8	427	536	42	1,710	1	6	136	21	4,723	0	1,845	8
District 17															
Caswell	686	17	0	22	0	2	102	0	3	0	14	526	0	0	0
Rockingham	3,242	47	8	245	77	11	698	0	3	59	5	2,089	0	0	0
Stokes	854	28	0	31	23	6	152	0	1	13	7	593	0	0	0
Surry	3,134	92	7	257	153	13	411	0	3	62	17	1,710	0	408	1
District Totals	7,916	184	15	555	253	32	1,363	0	10	134	43	4,918	0	408	1
District 18															
Guilford	21,479	914	29	1,513	1,025	6	3,479	0	29	177	128	14,125	46	7	1
District 19A															
Cabarrus	3,900	110	7	627	320	4	658	2	11	81	14	1,355	0	711	0
Rowan	3,596	103	0	204	30	81	562	0	8	32	31	2,543	1	0	1
District Totals	7,496	213	7	831	350	85	1,220	2	19	113	45	3,898	1	711	1
District 19B															
Montgomery	1,435	84	0	24	36	9	105	0	0	1	4	1,163	0	0	9
Randolph	2,722	98	2	134	74	3	760	0	10	48	2	1,554	0	37	0
District Totals	4.157	182	2	158	110	12	865	0	10	49	6	2,717	0	37	9

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations					Civil Magistrate			
District 20	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Magis-trate	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Anson	941	31	0	17	30	6	150	0	1	18	1	677	0	10	0
Moore	2,493	126	4	101	0	105	343	2	7	0	112	1,583	102	0	8
Richmond	2,929	123	1	91	13	33	372	0	6	6	23	2,261	0	0	0
Stanly	2,223	98	0	183	78	9	203	1	4	15	3	1,622	0	7	0
Union	2,559	88	9	126	119	7	329	2	0	39	0	1,839	0	1	0
District Totals	11,145	466	14	518	240	160	1,397	5	18	78	139	7,982	102	18	8
District 21															
Forsyth	13,182	802	24	990	784	25	2,595	2	26	226	20	7,545	0	139	4
District 22															
Alexander	639	14	2	14	13	4	85	4	6	15	14	468	0	0	0
Davidson	3,552	148	13	174	131	5	899	0	23	49	10	2,088	0	0	12
Davie	789	20	2	32	48	5	112	0	4	14	12	538	0	0	2
Iredell	3,474	133	6	212	145	52	465	0	11	36	64	2,345	0	2	3
District Totals	8,454	315	23	432	337	66	1,561	4	44	114	100	5,439	0	2	17
District 23															
Alleghany	515	44	3	23	32	11	50	1	1	10	1	337	0	2	0
Ashe	620	12	1	21	11	1	75	2	0	5	0	306	0	0	186
Wilkes	3,262	187	11	443	294	19	465	1	5	48	4	1,088	0	697	0
Yadkin	1,451	29	0	88	60	1	159	1	1	21	12	1,079	0	0	0
District Totals	5,848	272	15	575	397	32	749	5	7	84	17	2,810	0	699	186
District 24															
Avery	401	73	1	34	29	3	17	0	0	7	0	234	0	3	0
Madison	274	19	0	4	1	2	58	0	1	3	5	180	0	0	1
Mitchell	332	16	2	25	19	0	40	0	0	14	2	212	1	0	1
Watauga	853	44	0	117	120	7	163	0	3	20	4	373	0	2	0
Yancey	319	10	1	7	11	8	72	0	1	8	8	191	0	2	0
District Totals	2,179	162	4	187	180	20	350	0	5	52	19	1,190	1	7	2
District 25															
Burke	2,521	99	4	119	95	3	619	3	3	49	4	1,515	0	7	1
Caldwell	2,839	72	7	137	85	4	409	0	6	33	3	2,064	18	1	0
Catawba	4,435	236	8	375	285	5	764	1	2	74	2	2,645	3	35	0
District Totals	9,795	407	19	631	465	12	1,792	4	11	156	9	6,224	21	43	1
District 26															
Mecklenburg	28,797	2,333	26	1,835	404	1,058	4,509	9	29	62	147	18,230	4	146	5

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	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Magis-trate	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 27A															
Gaston	6,190	399	17	265	228	0	1,697	1	9	77	0	3,471	0	26	0
District 27B															
Cleveland	3,773	185	8	92	122	13	639	0	1	54	10	2,640	0	6	3
Lincoln	1,473	67	2	149	96	7	334	2	7	37	1	728	0	43	0
District Totals	5,246	252	10	241	218	20	973	2	8	91	11	3,368	0	49	3
District 28															
Buncombe	7,139	580	30	249	329	10	1,580	4	9	127	2	3,119	0	1,081	19
District 29															
Henderson	1,276	113	11	41	68	0	337	2	6	25	0	656	11	6	0
McDowell	960	64	1	57	37	11	263	0	6	25	11	479	2	4	0
Polk	268	2	0	3	10	0	57	0	0	10	9	150	0	27	0
Rutherford	1,655	80	5	69	93	2	259	1	0	35	0	1,109	0	2	0
Transylvania	892	47	3	20	38	1	171	0	0	11	0	600	0	1	0
District Totals	5,051	306	20	190	246	14	1,087	3	12	106	20	2,994	13	40	0
District 30															
Cherokee	464	2	0	3	0	3	90	0	27	0	17	322	0	0	0
Clay	155	20	0	12	8	2	20	0	0	1	1	85	5	1	0
Graham	148	8	1	2	2	2	42	1	1	1	1	51	1	34	1
Haywood	1,758	84	2	58	81	6	288	0	7	65	11	1,155	0	1	0
Jackson	682	40	0	22	36	34	101	0	0	15	16	405	0	0	13
Macon	672	28	0	37	33	15	92	0	1	6	12	447	0	1	0
Swain	331	66	0	12	22	5	42	0	1	9	4	166	0	4	0
District Totals	4,210	248	3	146	182	67	675	1	37	97	62	2,631	6	41	14
STATE TOTALS	305,399	15,552	430	17,195	12,148	2,852	49,685	74	708	3,977	2,439	183,846	1,706	13,227	1,560

Ages of Civil Cases in the District Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 1																
Camden	25	90.2	54.0	17	2	5	1	0	165	61.7	27.3	138	9	16	2	0
Chowan	279	161.9	33.2	171	51	29	14	14	1,145	63.8	37.1	1,009	45	69	16	6
Currituck	170	195.1	97.1	81	40	13	30	6	488	47.5	18.8	437	18	24	7	2
Dare	214	255.8	132.2	75	47	44	38	10	650	164.7	27.5	489	61	43	22	35
Gates	66	212.4	62.5	41	9	6	5	5	465	55.0	23.4	408	36	9	7	5
Pasquotank	268	206.6	67.5	149	37	38	30	14	1,119	92.0	19.8	957	53	53	25	31
Perquimans	75	166.0	25.0	51	3	9	8	4	408	50.0	20.3	376	11	9	8	4
District Totals	1,097	198.2	75.3	585	189	144	126	53	4,440	82.0	27.6	3,814	233	223	87	83
District 2																
Beaufort	401	231.2	60.7	221	52	46	52	30	2,454	50.9	19.3	2,145	206	53	33	17
Hyde	45	157.6	54.0	28	8	5	1	3	192	99.4	19.1	152	14	11	6	9
Martin	321	357.7	83.2	161	36	39	41	44	1,607	56.1	32.9	1,418	130	36	14	9
Tyrrell	41	202.4	137.0	20	3	13	3	2	193	51.4	29.0	178	6	5	3	1
Washington	210	118.3	63.0	125	46	24	14	1	943	53.2	20.8	827	67	29	14	6
District Totals	1,018	243.6	68.3	555	145	127	111	80	5,389	55.0	23.6	4,720	423	134	70	42
District 3																
Carteret	597	243.2	131.0	236	118	103	96	44	1,835	110.2	18.5	1,447	110	138	75	65
Craven	1,025	234.8	99.6	490	142	189	146	58	3,420	123.3	34.0	2,441	493	180	179	127
Pamlico	104	192.9	33.5	62	16	10	11	5	392	65.3	15.3	325	33	19	11	4
Pitt	1,393	226.1	125.0	607	215	261	246	64	5,111	189.9	32.5	3,805	465	130	236	475
District Totals	3,119	231.5	111.9	1,395	491	563	499	171	10,758	151.0	31.6	8,018	1,101	467	501	671
District 4																
Duplin	537	224.7	69.2	307	90	46	56	38	2,833	82.9	30.9	2,222	366	158	48	39
Jones	91	209.7	93.0	44	20	13	11	3	422	69.6	19.5	369	23	14	8	8
Onslow	1,443	246.3	151.1	556	252	252	303	80	3,903	96.0	33.5	2,846	323	557	130	47
Sampson	809	151.0	73.5	435	150	104	107	13	3,259	50.3	24.4	2,849	284	67	40	19
District Totals	2,880	214.7	101.9	1,342	512	415	477	134	10,417	77.5	29.6	8,286	996	796	226	113
District 5																
New Hanover	2,758	359.1	183.5	878	482	409	467	522	6,193	129.9	25.7	4,824	635	216	118	400
Pender	284	294.8	158.5	104	42	61	54	23	740	79.1	25.0	606	65	36	20	13
District Totals	3,042	353.5	181.1	982	524	470	521	545	6,933	124.8	26.6	5,430	700	252	138	413
District 6																
Bertie	192	129.2	48.0	125	21	26	17	3	1,484	87.9	19.2	1,191	177	35	44	37
Halifax	752	191.0	73.2	391	87	108	152	14	3,185	147.4	26.1	2,510	127	113	227	208
Hertford	316	190.9	89.9	155	36	65	57	3	1,403	88.5	33.3	1,097	150	96	31	29
Northampton	202	164.9	59.2	117	26	32	19	8	1,145	91.6	21.8	915	126	31	41	32
District Totals	1,462	179.6	69.3	788	170	231	245	28	7,217	115.3	27.6	5,713	580	275	343	306

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)					
District 7	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
Edgecombe	1,103	460.8	235.2	427	95	133	181	267	5,291	31.2	20.6	5,054	110	74	40	13
Nash	827	258.2	103.0	380	89	137	161	60	3,879	133.6	17.6	3,302	94	60	142	281
Wilson	1,170	276.8	133.8	469	169	153	302	77	4,073	43.5	14.0	3,567	325	106	60	15
District Totals	3,100	337.7	153.9	1,276	353	423	644	404	13,243	65.3	19.6	11,923	529	240	242	309
District 8																
Greene	114	270.0	90.2	54	25	11	10	14	570	68.1	19.6	487	50	16	9	8
Lenoir	975	171.1	94.9	470	180	162	151	12	4,761	170.1	21.4	3,530	518	84	156	473
Wayne	2,155	272.2	222.4	657	334	501	582	81	6,782	176.7	22.4	5,090	416	210	308	758
District Totals	3,244	242.1	161.1	1,181	539	674	743	107	12,113	169.3	22.6	9,107	984	310	473	1,239
District 9																
Franklin	306	255.9	80.5	160	54	17	42	33	1,634	88.1	20.8	1,409	38	62	81	44
Granville	255	171.0	80.7	138	40	37	34	6	1,650	50.8	16.5	1,402	150	58	32	8
Person	381	172.9	80.7	231	43	44	51	12	1,885	159.3	21.7	1,416	89	147	123	110
Vance	845	128.2	40.0	602	92	72	60	19	2,487	61.4	27.2	2,225	93	78	69	22
Warren	353	266.9	131.6	150	60	67	49	27	933	193.8	66.3	505	119	124	126	59
District Totals	2,140	182.7	62.3	1,281	289	237	236	97	8,589	100.7	23.6	6,957	489	469	431	243
District 10																
Wake	7,296	460.7	310.5	2,244	650	1,049	1,683	1,670	16,409	207.6	29.6	12,847	1,253	573	594	1,142
District 11																
Harnett	1,001	409.1	282.7	333	104	166	209	189	2,619	147.5	27.0	1,918	325	74	104	198
Johnston	1,471	281.9	137.3	617	204	199	333	118	3,911	97.6	26.8	3,143	406	90	132	140
Lee	730	436.7	319.1	213	88	82	172	175	1,872	86.5	15.8	1,527	175	50	39	81
District Totals	3,202	357.3	205.8	1,163	396	447	714	482	8,402	111.1	26.6	6,588	906	214	275	419
District 12																
Cumberland	2,910	159.1	73.9	1,597	425	431	421	36	12,814	81.7	30.5	9,611	2,010	420	676	97
Hoke	142	138.4	53.0	84	24	22	9	3	1,032	82.1	26.6	894	50	34	24	30
District Totals	3,052	158.5	74.0	1,681	449	453	430	39	13,846	82.2	29.6	10,505	2,060	454	700	127
District 13																
Bladen	449	172.2	66.0	243	74	73	33	26	1,690	66.6	25.5	1,363	217	59	39	12
Brunswick	605	297.6	146.5	232	113	119	52	89	1,409	161.5	37.7	967	161	87	117	77
Columbus	969	202.9	80.8	498	140	170	98	63	3,046	113.8	34.3	2,250	365	117	220	94
District Totals	2,023	224.8	100.9	973	327	362	183	178	6,145	112.2	33.6	4,580	743	263	376	183

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				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 14																
Durham	3,741	370.3	281.8	1,134	477	585	954	591	16,023	174.4	12.6	13,722	887	231	133	1,050
District 15A																
Alamance	627	79.8	36.6	481	78	44	21	3	3,761	61.4	27.6	3,117	419	129	73	23
District 15B																
Chatham	240	262.8	109.5	109	32	33	50	16	1,616	72.7	23.1	1,470	36	28	38	44
Orange	830	240.0	182.9	249	134	274	133	40	2,067	96.5	22.3	1,687	89	144	98	49
District Totals	1,070	245.5	183.5	358	166	307	183	56	3,683	86.4	23.6	3,157	125	172	136	93
District 16																
Robeson	1,757	188.1	77.4	912	275	249	265	56	7,836	96.7	26.1	6,411	595	346	264	220
Scotland	455	224.3	55.0	266	44	52	52	41	1,911	169.6	30.4	1,532	124	52	45	158
District Totals	2,212	195.9	76.0	1,178	319	301	317	97	9,747	111.4	28.6	7,943	719	398	309	358
District 17																
Caswell	160	154.6	73.5	84	28	32	9	7	686	50.1	15.1	578	59	35	10	4
Rockingham	722	157.3	67.9	403	116	103	84	16	3,242	58.1	25.9	2,772	294	83	70	23
Stokes	171	179.2	73.0	92	21	29	22	7	854	64.0	27.2	742	45	39	22	6
Surry	815	187.4	77.0	429	140	102	106	38	3,134	86.7	28.2	2,472	333	146	140	43
District Totals	1,868	172.5	74.1	1,008	305	266	221	68	7,916	69.7	27.6	6,564	731	303	242	76
District 18																
Guilford	6,181	284.8	159.0	2,400	943	1,227	1,102	509	21,479	68.6	19.6	17,869	1,618	1,000	807	185
District 19A																
Cabarrus	1,354	225.7	152.8	434	313	343	210	54	3,900	111.2	33.2	2,873	453	267	175	132
Rowan	773	185.2	95.3	370	122	122	144	15	3,596	46.6	21.2	3,300	112	81	96	7
District Totals	2,127	211.3	141.2	804	435	465	354	69	7,496	80.6	24.6	6,173	565	348	271	139
District 19B																
Montgomery	461	196.0	53.6	268	29	61	82	21	1,435	103.2	33.2	1,217	118	19	26	55
Randolph	375	143.6	52.2	239	60	41	18	17	2,722	68.2	20.3	2,196	272	137	96	21
District Totals	836	172.8	53.6	507	89	102	100	38	4,157	80.7	28.6	3,413	390	156	122	76

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				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 20																
Anson	214	252.6	95.5	102	27	37	36	12	941	132.2	16.3	765	61	31	37	47
Moore	580	197.0	90.3	284	77	117	83	19	2,493	109.2	24.6	1,978	177	112	110	116
Richmond	928	416.1	216.5	326	106	143	183	170	2,929	238.6	34.0	1,907	185	97	338	402
Stanly	601	330.6	167.2	239	70	111	91	90	2,223	80.6	17.3	1,887	112	133	40	51
Union	633	218.7	74.0	335	86	95	76	41	2,559	84.7	30.5	1,992	307	93	137	30
District Totals	2,956	302.0	132.2	1,286	366	503	469	332	11,145	134.2	26.6	8,529	842	466	662	646
District 21																
Forsyth	2,716	165.3	88.1	1,368	440	497	356	55	13,182	247.0	234.1	11,287	719	724	359	93
District 22																
Alexander	234	125.7	37.0	157	27	32	13	5	639	63.4	25.6	582	23	13	12	9
Davidson	622	122.0	60.8	379	98	86	56	3	3,552	63.6	24.4	2,897	313	238	89	15
Davie	254	113.2	31.5	171	29	32	18	4	789	78.1	40.4	648	81	25	29	6
Iredell	755	145.2	61.2	432	131	82	107	3	3,474	70.7	31.0	2,930	226	152	148	18
District Totals	1,865	130.9	52.5	1,139	285	232	194	15	8,454	269.7	235.8	7,057	64[illegible]	428	278	48
District 23																
Alleghany	82	84.5	25.5	57	14	8	2	1	515	53.5	76.6	432	48	24	9	2
Ashe	158	180.7	66.0	84	24	25	18	7	620	38.2	16.1	568	30	16	4	2
Wilkes	894	120.3	53.0	551	128	173	21	21	3,262	105.4	46.5	2,411	234	345	265	7
Yadkin	285	130.2	31.3	202	32	30	11	10	1,451	60.5	28.1	1,253	101	70	19	8
District Totals	1,419	127.3	46.7	894	198	236	52	39	5,848	271.7	249.1	4,664	413	455	297	19
District 24																
Avery	128	275.3	104.0	58	24	17	13	16	401	54.7	27.3	333	50	15	2	1
Madison	63	219.8	100.0	31	11	5	13	3	274	67.9	22.5	235	19	7	11	2
Mitchell	93	161.0	116.2	37	29	20	5	2	332	58.[illegible]	30.1	282	30	15	3	2
Watauga	333	194.5	123.6	152	67	55	45	14	853	76.[illegible]	39.0	625	139	69	18	2
Yancey	101	207.3	157.7	35	21	24	20	1	319	77.0	19.6	251	34	20	12	2
District Totals	718	208.9	118.8	313	152	121	96	36	2,179	264.8	243.2	1,726	272	126	46	9
District 25																
Burke	950	303.4	133.8	365	182	146	138	119	2,521	68.7	29.7	2,085	157	205	61	13
Caldwell	863	311.0	117.0	394	96	118	158	97	2,839	60.8	32.6	2,504	150	129	26	30
Catawba	1,298	230.7	109.5	581	155	245	245	72	4,435	84.7	27.5	3,583	374	233	174	71
District Totals	3,111	275.5	126.2	1,340	433	509	541	288	9,795	255.7	234.4	8,172	681	567	261	114
District 26																
Mecklenburg	13,525	400.2	236.3	4,294	1,690	2,382	2,809	2,350	28,797	379.9	257.3	21,798	2,170	1,242	1,313	2,274

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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 27A																
Gaston	2,068	227.4	139.9	874	296	434	353	111	6,190	311.5	243.0	4,996	477	212	280	225
District 27B																
Cleveland	776	99.3	54.6	501	147	87	38	3	3,773	64.0	23.6	3,118	333	196	105	21
Lincoln	244	75.0	30.8	189	23	25	5	2	1,473	62.3	28.1	1,238	110	85	37	3
District Totals	1,020	93.8	44.7	690	170	112	43	5	5,246	242.4	223.3	4,356	443	281	142	24
District 28																
Buncombe	1,799	122.5	74.2	1,011	417	248	106	17	7,139	313.2	277.2	4,744	805	881	560	149
District 29																
Henderson	431	269.0	190.0	146	66	91	96	32	1,276	112.7	23.3	958	97	62	127	32
McDowell	252	238.1	100.5	121	47	38	26	20	960	253.5	40.5	705	83	49	39	84
Polk	70	189.4	147.5	30	12	15	13	0	268	74.3	33.5	204	32	26	6	0
Rutherford	415	160.5	89.3	208	77	68	55	7	1,655	56.8	23.3	1,452	89	61	42	11
Transylvania	290	319.2	205.0	91	42	60	63	34	892	110.3	29.6	655	101	79	31	26
District Totals	1,458	239.3	137.5	596	244	272	253	93	5,051	321.0	246.3	3,974	402	277	245	153
District 30																
Cherokee	205	198.4	110.2	91	33	29	49	3	464	136.4	54.9	289	62	62	45	6
Clay	33	111.9	43.6	22	5	3	3	0	155	56.6	35.6	127	19	8	1	0
Graham	40	118.7	101.5	19	16	2	2	1	148	90.5	38.5	110	16	15	6	1
Haywood	310	122.0	45.8	193	46	44	23	4	1,758	81.9	27.7	1,456	81	118	87	16
Jackson	186	157.5	104.5	88	30	48	19	1	682	130.2	45.6	460	80	68	61	13
Macon	227	364.5	198.7	56	54	49	40	28	672	168.4	21.7	534	54	38	12	34
Swain	146	181.8	92.8	71	26	29	18	2	331	100.1	31.3	238	37	34	17	5
District Totals	1,147	197.0	97.6	540	210	204	154	39	4,210	308.4	266.5	3,214	349	343	229	75
STATE TOTALS	89,139	282.5	133.3	37,661	12,747	14,642	15,290	8,799	305,399	110.4	27.0	244,963	24,667	13,409	11,221	11,139

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS			
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined						
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
District 1												
Camden	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	9	9
Chowan	0	3	22	25	6	0	0	0	1	1	33	27
Currituck	0	11	17	28	0	2	0	2	0	11	41	23
Dare	0	7	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	20
Gates	0	0	8	8	0	0	1	1	1	0	10	10
Pasquotank	0	21	38	59	6	0	2	2	10	24	101	51
Perquimans	0	16	9	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	10
District Totals	0	58	103	161	12	2	3	5	12	45	235	150
District 2												
Beaufort	0	12	40	52	1	0	3	3	16	12	84	57
Hyde	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	8	2
Martin	0	12	16	28	0	0	1	1	10	22	61	21
Tyrrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Washington	0	4	11	15	0	0	2	2	0	8	25	23
District Totals	0	29	69	98	2	0	6	6	27	46	179	104
District 3												
Carteret	0	18	36	54	2	0	4	4	6	7	73	58
Craven	1	91	134	226	19	0	11	11	10	21	287	103
Pamlico	1	4	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	14
Pitt	0	69	55	124	23	0	9	9	33	15	204	122
District Totals	2	182	234	418	44	0	24	24	49	45	580	297
District 4												
Duplin	0	22	10	32	0	0	2	2	3	5	42	42
Jones	2	4	2	8	0	0	6	6	4	7	25	25
Onslow	0	57	60	117	6	2	7	9	27	34	193	98
Sampson	0	26	34	60	1	0	5	5	19	20	105	51
District Totals	2	109	106	217	7	2	20	22	53	66	365	216
District 5												
New Hanover	1	341	255	597	51	32	40	72	32	54	806	281
Pender	0	23	30	53	1	1	5	6	0	7	67	32
District Totals	1	364	285	650	52	33	45	78	32	61	873	313
District 6												
Bertie	0	4	7	11	0	0	2	2	4	3	20	20
Halifax	0	78	32	110	4	0	16	16	20	43	193	106
Hertford	0	4	14	18	9	0	9	9	13	10	59	40
Northampton	0	7	19	26	1	0	3	3	0	14	44	27
District Totals	0	93	72	165	14	0	30	30	37	70	316	193
District 7												
Edgecombe	0	74	84	158	37	2	15	17	26	61	299	143
Nash	10	84	81	175	29	0	23	23	35	61	323	176
Wilson	0	105	55	160	5	5	6	11	69	28	273	131
District Totals	10	263	220	493	71	7	44	51	130	150	895	450
District 8												
Greene	0	3	5	8	2	2	1	3	0	12	25	17
Lenoir	0	51	109	160	15	0	16	16	14	31	236	89
Wayne	0	70	57	127	16	10	19	29	26	68	266	106
District Totals	0	124	171	295	33	12	36	48	40	111	527	212
District 9												
Franklin	0	10	26	36	1	0	10	10	12	10	69	49
Granville	0	21	32	53	3	0	6	6	4	6	72	40
Person	0	29	21	50	2	0	4	4	1	4	61	34
Vance	0	0	57	57	0	2	12	14	18	12	101	101
Warren	0	4	15	19	0	0	1	1	1	7	28	19
District Totals	0	64	151	215	6	2	33	35	36	39	331	243
District 10												
Wake	3	137	230	370	46	2	81	83	59	69	627	289

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	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
District 11												
Harnett	0	20	71	91	19	6	20	26	9	53	198	100
Johnston	0	23	71	94	23	2	14	16	41	46	220	103
Lee	0	53	86	139	11	6	13	19	31	21	221	82
District Totals	0	96	228	324	53	14	47	61	81	120	639	285
District 12												
Cumberland	0	237	401	638	43	29	229	258	365	135	1,439	545
Hoke	1	20	83	104	0	9	3	12	11	2	129	66
District Totals	1	257	484	742	43	38	232	270	376	137	1,568	611
District 13												
Bladen	0	9	12	21	0	8	4	12	1	14	48	48
Brunswick	1	7	22	30	7	6	14	20	7	28	92	82
Columbus	1	51	83	135	5	3	17	20	20	38	218	109
District Totals	2	67	117	186	12	17	35	52	28	80	358	239
District 14												
Durham	0	157	121	278	58	10	64	74	115	46	571	236
District 15A												
Alamance	0	28	26	54	0	7	22	29	17	27	127	125
District 15B												
Chatham	0	3	29	32	0	5	0	5	1	9	47	31
Orange	0	78	57	135	0	4	5	9	30	29	203	135
District Totals	0	81	86	167	0	9	5	14	31	38	250	166
District 16												
Robeson	0	220	212	432	2	19	41	60	79	54	627	248
Scotland	3	34	43	80	7	7	26	33	24	84	228	124
District Totals	3	254	255	512	9	26	67	93	103	138	855	372
District 17												
Caswell	0	6	10	16	0	0	3	3	3	7	29	29
Rockingham	0	70	115	185	27	2	12	14	10	52	288	99
Stokes	0	1	17	18	9	13	6	19	8	6	60	35
Surry	0	44	89	133	0	8	17	25	8	18	184	69
District Totals	0	121	231	352	36	23	38	61	29	83	561	232
District 18												
Guilford	0	247	389	636	135	70	160	230	123	127	1,251	640
District 19A												
Cabarrus	0	27	57	84	15	2	28	30	12	29	170	93
Rowan	0	124	112	236	69	55	48	103	184	151	743	171
District Totals	0	151	169	320	84	57	76	133	196	180	913	264
District 19B												
Montgomery	0	14	35	49	7	0	0	0	12	7	75	46
Randolph	1	7	71	79	39	1	36	37	17	7	179	139
District Totals	1	21	106	128	46	1	36	37	29	14	254	185
District 20												
Anson	0	20	61	81	2	0	0	0	4	5	92	24
Moore	0	73	59	132	8	3	41	44	14	23	221	79
Richmond	0	14	56	70	5	0	2	2	43	25	145	74
Stanly	0	24	139	163	21	0	3	3	7	15	209	59
Union	0	57	80	137	29	4	10	14	29	32	241	117
District Totals	0	188	395	583	65	7	56	63	97	100	908	353

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS			
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined						
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
District 21												
Forsyth	0	146	249	395	82	11	137	148	65	81	771	370
District 22												
Alexander	0	27	15	42	1	0	17	17	1	8	69	41
Davidson	0	18	100	118	35	5	78	83	98	96	430	188
Davie	0	13	11	24	0	2	10	12	3	32	71	44
Iredell	3	63	118	184	4	6	53	59	11	45	303	133
District Totals	3	121	244	368	40	13	158	171	113	181	873	406
District 23												
Alleghany	0	1	3	4	2	2	1	3	1	2	12	10
Ashe	0	0	7	7	2	3	6	9	6	18	42	39
Wilkes	0	11	97	108	62	8	17	25	27	91	313	122
Yadkin	0	9	49	58	63	2	13	15	16	63	215	73
District Totals	0	21	156	177	129	15	37	52	50	174	582	244
District 24												
Avery	0	39	11	50	0	0	17	17	4	17	88	33
Madison	0	1	4	5	0	5	6	11	3	6	25	25
Mitchell	0	2	11	13	0	0	3	3	3	8	27	27
Watauga	0	2	13	15	0	3	10	13	6	5	39	39
Yancey	0	0	7	7	0	4	4	8	2	0	17	17
District Totals	0	44	46	90	0	12	40	52	18	36	196	141
District 25												
Burke	0	60	47	107	34	26	55	81	33	32	287	150
Caldwell	0	46	104	150	5	19	29	48	8	22	233	132
Catawba	0	79	78	157	22	9	23	32	16	18	245	137
District Totals	0	185	229	414	61	54	107	161	57	72	765	419
District 26												
Mecklenburg	0	689	704	1,393	75	1	131	132	58	96	1,754	679
District 27A												
Gaston	0	296	338	634	17	4	102	106	70	31	858	331
District 27B												
Cleveland	0	70	105	175	7	5	25	30	15	29	256	106
Lincoln	0	34	51	85	5	0	7	7	1	7	105	48
District Totals	0	104	156	260	12	5	32	37	16	36	361	154
District 28												
Buncombe	1	142	163	306	1	40	271	311	44	66	728	287
District 29												
Henderson	0	27	36	63	18	15	21	36	6	22	145	89
McDowell	0	4	42	46	11	29	24	53	15	25	150	95
Polk	0	3	6	9	0	0	1	1	2	6	18	17
Rutherford	0	38	50	88	23	8	8	16	30	8	165	88
Transylvania	0	9	44	53	3	7	6	13	3	5	77	30
District Totals	0	81	178	259	55	59	60	119	56	66	555	319
District 30												
Cherokee	0	11	11	22	0	0	9	9	2	8	41	41
Clay	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	4	4
Graham	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	3
Haywood	0	29	11	40	0	2	23	25	3	11	79	76
Jackson	0	3	6	9	0	2	10	12	3	8	32	32
Macon	0	2	4	6	0	2	3	5	0	3	14	14
Swain	0	0	1	1	0	1	6	7	1	11	20	20
District Totals	0	45	35	80	0	8	53	61	9	45	195	190
STATE TOTALS	29	4,965	6,746	11,740	1,300	561	2,288	2,849	2,256	2,676	20,821	9,715

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 1													
Camden	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	9
Chowan	29	1	30	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	32
Currituck	17	10	27	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	2	11	39
Dare	11	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	15
Gates	6	2	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Pasquotank	36	6	42	0	2	2	7	1	8	24	5	29	81
Perquimans	21	3	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	25
District Totals	121	26	147	1	3	4	8	1	9	41	9	50	210
District 2													
Beaufort	43	31	74	0	9	9	17	2	19	19	3	22	124
Hyde	3	3	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	4	11
Martin	17	30	47	1	2	3	3	3	6	11	10	21	77
Tyrrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Washington	16	4	20	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	3	7	29
District Totals	79	68	147	1	14	15	20	5	25	38	17	55	242
District 3													
Carteret	30	10	40	1	1	2	13	1	14	6	1	7	63
Craven	154	97	251	23	9	32	16	6	22	53	23	76	381
Pamlico	13	9	22	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	24
Pitt	195	21	216	13	1	14	34	4	38	20	1	21	289
District Totals	392	137	529	37	11	48	65	11	76	79	25	104	757
District 4													
Duplin	0	9	9	0	1	1	0	4	4	0	3	3	17
Jones	3	5	8	8	8	16	0	4	4	6	1	7	35
Onslow	96	20	116	3	4	7	15	4	19	48	0	48	190
Sampson	54	12	66	0	6	6	26	5	31	27	3	30	133
District Totals	153	46	199	11	19	30	41	17	58	81	7	88	375
District 5													
New Hanover	620	28	648	69	3	72	30	2	32	54	0	54	806
Pender	47	0	47	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	6	59
District Totals	667	28	695	75	3	78	30	2	32	60	0	60	865
District 6													
Bertie	10	1	11	1	1	2	3	1	4	2	1	3	20
Halifax	81	33	114	2	11	13	38	9	47	32	14	46	220
Hertford	9	32	41	0	9	9	5	11	16	3	9	12	78
Northampton	12	6	18	0	2	2	0	0	0	8	3	11	31
District Totals	112	72	184	3	23	26	46	21	67	45	27	72	349
District 7													
Edgecombe	124	45	169	16	7	23	28	1	29	55	8	63	284
Nash	197	49	246	4	21	25	31	5	36	61	10	71	378
Wilson	130	27	157	7	3	10	65	4	69	40	3	43	279
District Totals	451	121	572	27	31	58	124	10	134	156	21	177	941
District 8													
Greene	7	7	14	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	12	15	31
Lenoir	98	64	162	10	5	15	7	2	9	32	11	43	229
Wayne	212	18	230	28	17	45	51	4	55	258	5	263	593
District Totals	317	89	406	39	23	62	58	6	64	293	28	321	853
District 9													
Franklin	27	8	35	3	5	8	4	0	4	4	1	5	52
Granville	23	6	29	5	0	5	2	1	3	2	2	4	41
Person	27	6	33	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	39
Vance	52	5	57	11	3	14	18	0	18	12	0	12	101
Warren	17	15	32	1	3	4	7	3	10	11	2	13	59
District Totals	146	40	186	20	13	33	31	4	35	31	7	38	292
District 10													
Wake	389	54	443	27	5	32	50	7	57	58	5	63	595

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
District 11													
Harnett	97	78	175	31	15	46	22	5	27	198	21	219	467
Johnston	30	131	161	11	27	38	13	74	87	27	88	115	401
Lee	60	25	85	15	5	20	94	2	96	44	10	54	255
District Totals	187	234	421	57	47	104	129	81	210	269	119	388	1,123
District 12													
Cumberland	421	194	615	125	97	222	293	116	409	106	26	132	1,378
Hoke	64	40	104	0	12	12	11	0	11	1	1	2	129
District Totals	485	234	719	125	109	234	304	116	420	107	27	134	1,507
District 13													
Bladen	9	20	29	8	10	18	0	0	0	7	11	18	65
Brunswick	40	9	49	6	8	14	6	10	16	33	11	44	123
Columbus	63	10	73	3	13	16	4	4	8	13	17	30	127
District Totals	112	39	151	17	31	48	10	14	24	53	39	92	315
District 14													
Durham	278	50	328	17	49	66	61	37	98	59	6	65	557
District 15A													
Alamance	63	14	77	22	9	31	17	2	19	15	1	16	143
District 15B													
Chatham	25	24	49	4	2	6	1	1	2	7	6	13	70
Orange	167	30	197	25	4	29	28	5	33	46	9	55	314
District Totals	192	54	246	29	6	35	29	6	35	53	15	68	384
District 16													
Robeson	344	59	403	26	1	27	67	10	77	35	10	45	552
Scotland	87	10	97	28	10	38	46	4	50	91	11	102	287
District Totals	431	69	500	54	11	65	113	14	127	126	21	147	839
District 17													
Caswell	1	15	16	3	4	7	1	3	4	5	10	15	42
Rockingham	165	22	187	12	4	16	14	1	15	44	4	48	266
Stokes	13	12	25	25	6	31	7	2	9	5	1	6	71
Surry	49	24	73	12	7	19	10	5	15	8	4	12	119
District Totals	228	73	301	52	21	73	32	11	43	62	19	81	498
District 18													
Guilford	461	237	698	161	122	283	126	21	147	92	44	136	1,264
District 19A													
Cabarrus	73	10	83	23	3	26	12	3	15	28	3	31	155
Rowan	185	44	229	101	33	134	200	59	259	172	44	216	838
District Totals	258	54	312	124	36	160	212	62	274	200	47	247	993
District 19B													
Montgomery	64	24	88	6	2	8	13	1	14	10	0	10	120
Randolph	120	35	155	24	22	46	14	9	23	5	5	10	234
District Totals	184	59	243	30	24	54	27	10	37	15	5	20	354
District 20													
Anson	81	9	90	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	1	5	99
Moore	138	33	171	19	25	44	5	6	11	19	4	23	249
Richmond	82	56	138	2	2	4	32	28	60	42	0	42	244
Stanly	160	21	181	6	1	7	8	0	8	13	2	15	211
Union	95	44	139	2	7	9	24	8	32	74	21	95	275
District Totals	556	163	719	29	35	64	73	42	115	152	28	180	1,078

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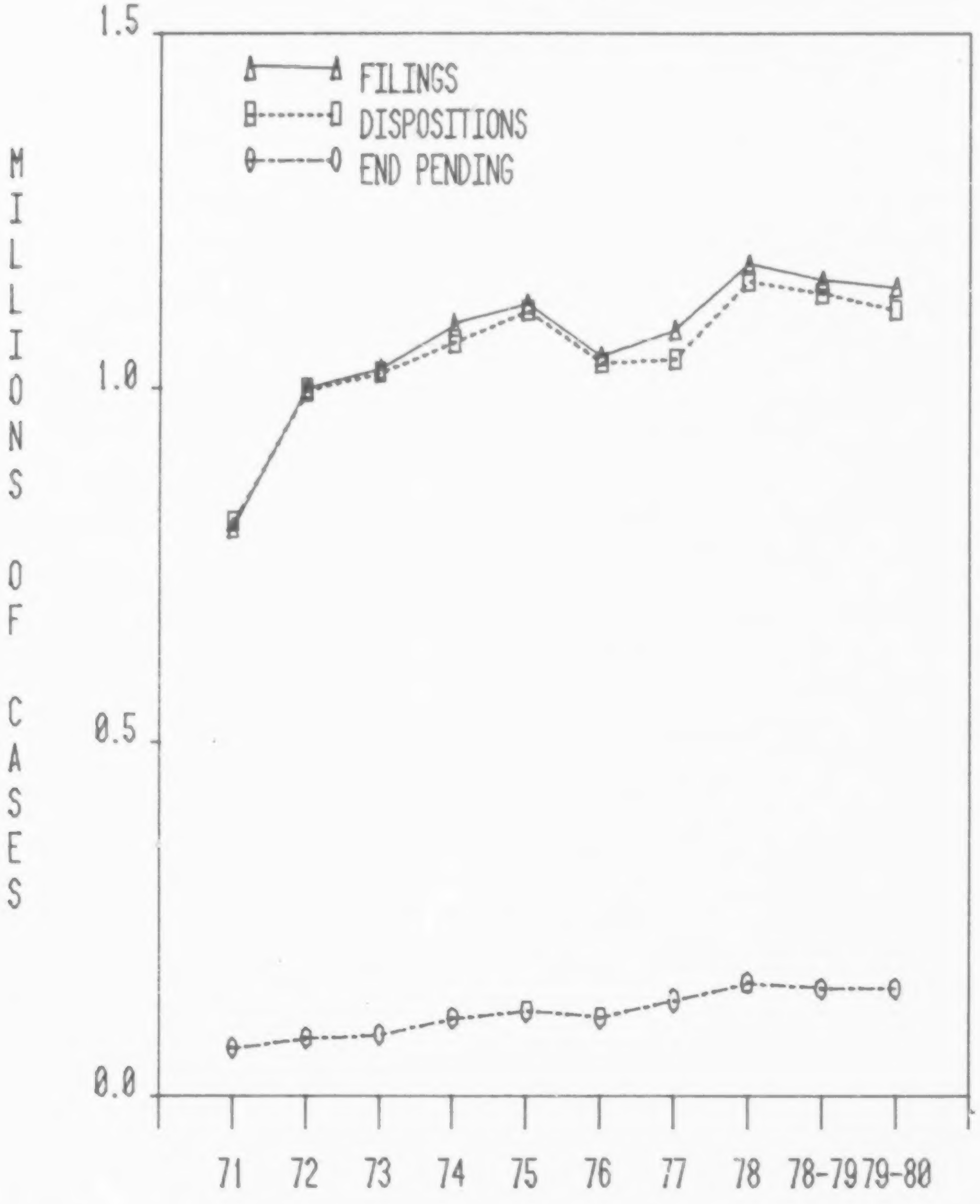
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
District 21													
Forsyth	300	78	378	55	31	86	61	15	76	58	17	75	615
District 22													
Alexander	33	14	47	11	4	15	2	0	2	6	2	8	72
Davidson	214	80	294	108	42	150	222	35	257	246	21	267	968
Davie	34	27	61	6	3	9	3	0	3	117	24	141	214
Iredell	81	23	104	22	16	38	12	2	14	29	2	31	187
District Totals	362	144	506	147	65	212	239	37	276	398	49	447	1,441
District 23													
Alleghany	5	1	6	6	2	8	2	0	2	1	0	1	17
Ashe	8	5	13	7	8	15	3	2	5	18	0	18	51
Wilkes	135	29	164	15	6	21	15	0	15	133	3	136	336
Yadkin	105	16	121	8	7	15	14	2	16	63	0	63	215
District Totals	253	51	304	36	23	59	34	4	38	215	3	218	619
District 24													
Avery	34	11	45	15	17	32	6	0	6	19	8	27	110
Madison	10	6	16	21	10	31	2	6	8	15	7	22	77
Mitchell	8	9	17	0	1	1	2	3	5	4	2	6	29
Watauga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yancey	31	9	40	19	4	23	28	1	29	20	2	22	114
District Totals	83	35	118	55	32	87	38	10	48	58	19	77	330
District 25													
Burke	205	29	234	71	17	88	59	28	87	164	11	175	584
Caldwell	258	77	335	117	52	169	58	15	73	81	10	91	668
Catawba	176	46	222	30	8	38	16	0	16	8	0	8	284
District Totals	639	152	791	218	77	295	133	43	176	253	21	274	1,536
District 26													
Mecklenburg	666	478	1,144	34	50	84	58	8	66	95	5	100	1,394
District 27A													
Gaston	218	75	293	30	15	45	66	3	69	17	2	19	426
District 27B													
Cleveland	123	58	181	23	7	30	6	2	8	14	8	22	241
Lincoln	56	16	72	2	4	6	1	0	1	8	1	9	88
District Totals	179	74	253	25	11	36	7	2	9	22	9	31	329
District 28													
Buncombe	76	89	165	65	162	227	11	7	18	10	3	13	423
District 29													
Henderson	62	27	89	24	16	40	3	1	4	16	24	40	173
McDowell	34	11	45	45	4	49	6	7	13	25	3	28	135
Polk	4	2	6	2	1	3	2	0	2	1	2	3	14
Rutherford	95	8	103	13	4	17	32	4	36	20	3	23	179
Transylvania	37	4	41	7	2	9	2	1	3	2	2	4	57
District Totals	232	52	284	91	27	118	45	13	58	64	34	98	558
District 30													
Cherokee	22	0	22	3	6	9	2	0	2	8	0	8	41
Clay	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Graham	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3
Haywood	10	28	38	2	25	27	0	0	0	2	3	5	70
Jackson	0	6	6	0	11	11	0	1	1	0	2	2	20
Macon	8	0	8	4	2	6	0	0	0	3	1	4	18
Swain	1	0	1	2	5	7	1	0	1	9	0	9	18
District Totals	41	34	75	11	51	62	3	1	4	23	7	30	171
STATE TOTALS	9,311	3,223	12,534	1,725	1,189	2,914	2,301	643	2,944	3,298	686	3,984	22,376

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
1971-1980



Statistics collected on district court criminal cases during the past two years indicate slight decreases in numbers of cases filed and disposed and a steadiness in the volume of pending cases. 1979-80 figures show that 9,739 fewer cases were filed and 24,114 fewer were disposed than during the 1978-79 year.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Motor Vehicle Cases						Non-Motor Vehicle Cases					
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
District 1												
Camden	71	632	703	617	87.7	86	9	132	141	126	89.3	15
Chowan	114	1,397	1,511	1,397	92.4	114	53	843	896	803	89.6	93
Currituck	188	2,913	3,101	2,791	90.0	310	43	547	590	529	89.6	61
Dare	379	3,716	4,095	3,771	92.0	324	82	966	1,048	921	87.8	127
Gates	218	1,573	1,791	1,661	92.7	130	7	257	264	258	97.7	6
Pasquotank	225	2,915	3,140	2,881	91.7	259	103	1,710	1,813	1,692	93.3	121
Perquimans	113	1,318	1,431	1,296	90.5	135	56	357	413	391	94.6	22
District Totals	1,308	14,464	15,772	14,414	91.3	1,358	353	4,812	5,165	4,720	91.3	445
District 2												
Beaufort	426	5,927	6,353	5,845	92.0	508	105	2,622	2,727	2,511	92.0	216
Hyde	18	423	441	387	87.7	54	28	347	375	363	96.8	12
Martin	219	2,878	3,097	2,844	91.8	253	101	1,653	1,754	1,635	93.2	119
Tyrrell	1	488	489	431	88.1	58	6	199	205	195	95.1	10
Washington	51	1,414	1,465	1,331	90.8	134	23	653	676	650	96.1	26
District Totals	715	11,130	11,845	10,838	91.4	1,007	263	5,474	5,737	5,354	93.3	383
District 3												
Carteret	675	6,390	7,065	6,073	85.9	992	433	4,244	4,677	3,997	85.4	680
Craven	1,111	11,000	12,111	10,670	88.1	1,441	382	4,761	5,143	4,557	88.6	586
Pamlico	52	556	608	574	94.4	34	8	523	531	507	95.4	24
Pitt	853	8,308	9,161	8,145	88.9	1,016	712	6,841	7,553	6,741	89.2	812
District Totals	2,691	26,254	28,945	25,462	87.9	3,483	1,535	16,369	17,904	15,802	88.2	2,102
District 4												
Duplin	540	5,490	6,030	5,244	86.9	786	218	2,400	2,618	2,333	89.1	285
Jones	115	1,428	1,543	1,394	90.3	149	26	332	358	319	89.1	39
Onslow	2,033	17,148	19,181	17,023	88.7	2,158	821	8,145	8,966	8,076	90.0	890
Sampson	704	10,437	11,141	9,877	88.6	1,264	227	3,184	3,411	3,022	88.5	389
District Totals	3,392	34,503	37,895	33,538	88.5	4,357	1,292	14,061	15,353	13,750	89.5	1,603
District 5												
New Hanover	1,221	14,310	15,531	13,835	89.0	1,696	1,158	9,659	10,817	9,314	86.1	1,503
Pender	433	3,109	3,542	3,079	86.9	463	87	1,097	1,184	1,049	88.5	135
District Totals	1,654	17,419	19,073	16,914	88.6	2,159	1,245	10,756	12,001	10,363	86.3	1,638
District 6												
Bertie	289	2,680	2,969	2,758	92.8	211	72	780	852	779	91.4	73
Halifax	1,027	11,482	12,509	10,923	87.3	1,586	233	3,892	4,125	3,701	89.7	424
Hertford	402	4,369	4,771	4,415	92.5	356	98	1,496	1,594	1,437	90.1	157
Northampton	408	5,483	5,891	5,483	93.0	408	30	856	886	815	91.9	71
District Totals	2,126	24,014	26,140	23,579	90.2	2,561	433	7,024	7,457	6,732	90.2	725
District 7												
Edgecombe	429	5,022	5,451	4,785	87.7	666	428	5,229	5,657	5,097	90.1	560
Nash	981	10,021	11,002	9,408	85.5	1,594	570	5,138	5,708	4,943	86.5	765
Wilson	1,037	8,260	9,297	8,189	88.0	1,108	615	4,972	5,587	4,772	85.4	815
District Totals	2,447	23,303	25,750	22,382	86.9	3,368	1,613	15,339	16,952	14,812	87.3	2,140
District 8												
Greene	131	1,455	1,586	1,368	86.2	218	32	943	975	841	86.2	134
Lenoir	633	7,666	8,299	7,448	89.7	851	283	4,960	5,243	4,627	88.2	616
Wayne	1,173	11,602	12,775	11,315	88.5	1,460	612	6,242	6,854	5,993	87.4	861
District Totals	1,937	20,723	22,660	20,131	88.8	2,529	927	12,145	13,072	11,461	87.6	1,611
District 9												
Franklin	278	3,234	3,512	3,122	88.8	390	173	1,782	1,955	1,695	86.7	260
Granville	403	5,860	6,263	5,726	91.4	537	105	1,822	1,927	1,777	92.2	150
Person	279	2,664	2,943	2,676	90.9	267	149	1,994	2,143	1,939	90.4	204
Vance	412	5,255	5,667	4,926	86.9	741	216	2,848	3,064	2,637	86.0	427
Warren	457	3,524	3,981	3,459	86.8	522	199	1,078	1,277	1,104	86.4	173
District Totals	1,829	20,537	22,366	19,909	89.0	2,457	842	9,524	10,366	9,152	88.2	1,214
District 10												
Wake	5,490	44,457	49,947	44,833	89.7	5,114	3,422	23,002	26,424	23,093	87.3	3,331

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	Motor Vehicle Cases						Non-Motor Vehicle Cases					
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
District 11												
Harnett	639	8,224	8,863	7,996	90.2	867	289	3,306	3,595	3,291	91.5	304
Johnston	1,268	13,249	14,517	12,804	88.2	1,713	293	4,096	4,389	3,845	87.6	544
Lee	387	3,831	4,218	3,964	93.9	254	222	3,827	4,049	3,772	93.1	277
District Totals	2,294	25,304	27,598	24,764	89.7	2,834	804	11,229	12,033	10,908	90.6	1,125
District 12												
Cumberland	3,732	38,234	41,966	36,808	87.7	5,158	2,109	23,854	25,963	22,696	87.4	3,267
Hoke	259	2,944	3,203	2,890	90.2	313	249	1,208	1,457	1,307	89.7	150
District Totals	3,991	41,178	45,169	39,698	87.8	5,471	2,358	25,062	27,420	24,003	87.5	3,417
District 13												
Bladen	730	7,732	8,462	7,287	86.1	1,175	231	2,252	2,483	2,177	87.6	306
Brunswick	412	4,475	4,887	4,188	85.6	699	220	2,070	2,290	2,006	87.5	284
Columbus	1,083	8,890	9,973	9,007	90.3	966	265	3,595	3,860	3,552	92.0	308
District Totals	2,225	21,097	23,322	20,482	87.8	2,840	716	7,917	8,633	7,735	89.5	898
District 14												
Durham	2,130	15,997	18,127	15,829	87.3	2,298	1,237	11,701	12,938	11,437	88.3	1,501
District 15A												
Alamance	1,067	12,328	13,395	12,079	90.1	1,316	443	5,441	5,884	5,351	90.9	533
District 15B												
Chatham	360	4,890	5,250	4,912	93.5	338	109	1,165	1,274	1,147	90.0	127
Orange	1,307	9,955	11,262	10,221	90.7	1,041	336	3,533	3,869	3,427	88.5	442
District Totals	1,667	14,845	16,512	15,133	91.6	1,379	445	4,698	5,143	4,574	88.9	569
District 16												
Robeson	1,611	17,888	19,499	17,473	89.6	2,026	769	9,027	9,796	8,571	87.4	1,225
Scotland	295	4,335	4,630	4,225	91.2	405	629	3,117	3,746	3,324	88.7	422
District Totals	1,906	22,223	24,129	21,698	89.9	2,431	1,398	12,144	13,542	11,895	87.8	1,647
District 17												
Caswell	251	1,493	1,744	1,577	90.4	167	114	1,033	1,147	1,017	88.6	130
Rockingham	1,024	9,459	10,483	9,454	90.1	1,029	482	5,131	5,613	5,077	90.4	536
Stokes	353	3,848	4,201	3,764	89.5	437	114	1,016	1,130	995	88.0	135
Surry	534	7,071	7,605	6,730	88.4	875	391	2,765	3,156	2,814	89.1	342
District Totals	2,162	21,871	24,033	21,525	89.5	2,508	1,101	9,945	11,046	9,903	89.6	1,143
District 18												
Guilford	6,640	40,729	47,369	39,213	82.7	8,156	4,165	21,274	25,439	20,429	80.3	5,010
District 19A												
Cabarrus	1,272	13,022	14,294	12,330	86.2	1,964	226	3,262	3,488	3,137	89.9	351
Rowan	952	11,966	12,918	11,612	89.8	1,306	305	3,435	3,740	3,284	87.8	456
District Totals	2,224	24,988	27,212	23,942	87.9	3,270	531	6,697	7,228	6,421	88.8	807
District 19B												
Montgomery	382	4,974	5,356	4,814	89.8	542	175	2,270	2,445	2,147	87.8	298
Randolph	889	9,246	10,135	9,044	89.2	1,091	229	3,257	3,486	3,178	91.1	308
District Totals	1,271	14,220	15,491	13,858	89.4	1,633	404	5,527	5,931	5,325	89.7	606
District 20												
Anson	304	4,016	4,320	3,903	90.3	417	94	1,468	1,562	1,396	89.3	166
Moore	365	6,996	7,361	6,606	89.7	755	312	3,624	3,936	3,449	87.6	487
Richmond	679	4,939	5,618	4,526	80.5	1,092	426	2,489	2,915	2,174	74.5	741
Stanly	532	5,634	6,166	5,625	91.2	541	198	2,267	2,465	2,177	88.3	288
Union	531	6,357	6,888	6,031	87.5	857	286	3,669	3,955	3,451	87.2	504
District Totals	2,411	27,942	30,353	26,681	87.9	3,662	1,316	13,517	14,833	12,647	85.2	2,186

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	Motor Vehicle Cases						**Non-Motor Vehicle Cases**					
	Pending 7/1/79	**Filed**	**Total Caseload**	**Disposed**	**% Caseload Disposed**	**Pending 6/30/80**	**Pending 7/1/79**	**Filed**	**Total Caseload**	**Disposed**	**% Caseload Disposed**	**Pending 6/30/80**
District 21												
Forsyth	4,243	36,726	40,969	36,075	88.0	4,894	1,662	12,662	14,324	12,115	84.5	2,209
District 22												
Alexander	137	2,075	2,212	2,030	91.7	182	76	960	1,036	914	88.2	122
Davidson	1,017	10,699	11,716	10,412	88.8	1,304	557	5,837	6,394	5,509	86.1	885
Davie	596	4,318	4,914	4,380	89.1	534	164	879	1,043	947	90.7	96
Iredell	887	11,856	12,743	11,399	89.4	1,344	382	5,132	5,514	4,886	88.6	628
District Totals	2,637	28,948	31,585	28,221	89.3	3,364	1,179	12,808	13,987	12,256	87.6	1,731
District 23												
Alleghany	49	681	730	682	93.4	48	22	367	389	349	89.7	40
Ashe	135	1,890	2,025	1,853	91.5	172	53	872	925	862	93.1	63
Wilkes	595	6,670	7,265	6,378	87.7	887	254	3,072	3,326	2,970	89.2	356
Yadkin	221	3,257	3,478	3,093	88.9	385	75	1,009	1,084	964	88.9	120
District Totals	1,000	12,498	13,498	12,006	88.9	1,492	404	5,320	5,724	5,145	89.8	579
District 24												
Avery	278	1,886	2,164	1,961	90.6	203	77	463	540	445	82.4	95
Madison	215	1,969	2,184	1,950	89.2	234	43	375	418	332	79.4	86
Mitchell	113	1,323	1,436	1,323	92.1	113	41	377	418	360	86.1	58
Watauga	356	3,565	3,921	3,536	90.1	385	120	1,130	1,250	1,125	90.0	125
Yancey	149	1,558	1,707	1,577	92.3	130	49	596	645	528	81.8	117
District Totals	1,111	10,301	11,412	10,347	90.6	1,065	330	2,941	3,271	2,790	85.2	481
District 25												
Burke	933	9,923	10,856	9,644	88.8	1,212	194	3,094	3,288	2,898	88.1	390
Caldwell	539	6,841	7,380	6,554	88.8	826	315	3,419	3,734	3,258	87.2	476
Catawba	1,056	13,212	14,268	12,660	88.7	1,608	541	6,707	7,248	6,651	91.7	597
District Totals	2,528	29,976	32,504	28,858	88.7	3,646	1,050	13,220	14,270	12,807	89.7	1,463
District 26												
Mecklenburg	7,297	59,496	66,793	56,337	84.3	10,456	4,401	19,576	23,977	18,129	75.6	5,848
District 27A												
Gaston	1,391	15,693	17,084	15,238	89.1	1,846	1,352	11,188	12,540	11,094	88.4	1,446
District 27B												
Cleveland	1,039	8,293	9,332	8,367	89.6	965	436	4,767	5,203	4,626	88.9	577
Lincoln	410	4,487	4,897	4,318	88.1	579	268	2,469	2,737	2,461	89.9	276
District Totals	1,449	12,780	14,229	12,685	89.1	1,544	704	7,236	7,940	7,087	89.2	853
District 28												
Buncombe	1,227	15,214	16,441	14,852	90.3	1,589	909	12,037	12,946	11,775	90.9	1,171
District 29												
Henderson	1,029	6,344	7,373	6,219	84.3	1,154	444	3,144	3,588	3,163	88.1	425
McDowell	487	5,086	5,573	4,853	87.0	720	134	1,500	1,634	1,315	80.4	319
Polk	268	1,714	1,982	1,710	86.2	272	126	722	848	749	88.3	99
Rutherford	349	3,243	3,592	3,204	89.1	388	291	2,570	2,861	2,522	88.1	339
Transylvania	279	2,030	2,309	2,061	89.2	248	131	1,118	1,249	1,124	89.9	125
District Totals	2,412	18,417	20,829	18,047	86.6	2,782	1,126	9,054	10,180	8,873	87.1	1,307
District 30												
Cherokee	220	2,462	2,682	2,408	89.7	274	123	718	841	696	82.7	145
Clay	62	674	736	637	86.5	99	29	267	296	266	89.8	30
Graham	61	541	602	523	86.8	79	40	346	386	338	87.5	48
Haywood	618	5,976	6,594	5,882	89.2	712	633	2,318	2,951	2,171	73.5	780
Jackson	253	3,729	3,982	3,700	92.9	282	90	785	875	734	83.8	141
Macon	172	2,823	2,995	2,787	93.0	208	182	846	1,028	794	77.2	234
Swain	218	1,484	1,702	1,523	89.4	179	112	536	648	550	84.8	98
District Totals	1,604	17,689	19,293	17,460	90.4	1,833	1,209	5,816	7,025	5,549	78.9	1,476
STATE TOTALS	80,476	777,264	857,740	757,038	88.2	100,702	41,169	365,516	406,685	353,487	86.9	53,198

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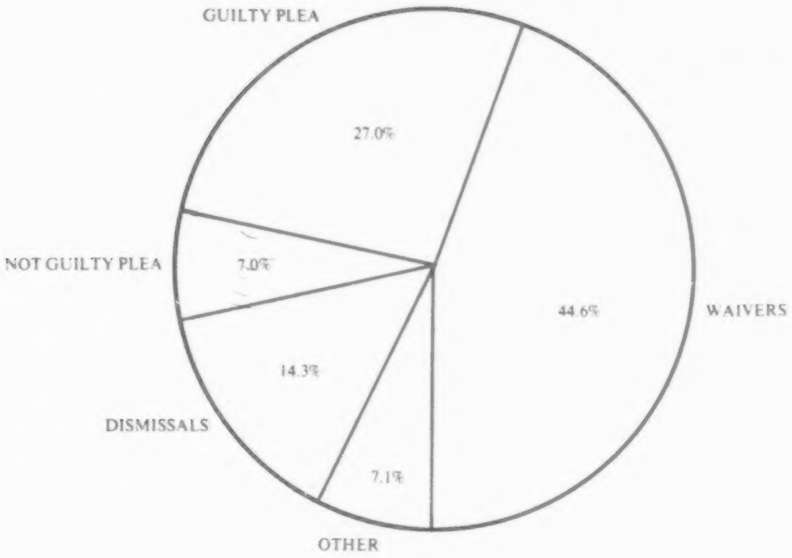

Although district court criminal dispositions constitute a tremendous portion of all trial court caseload volume in the state, a large portion of these cases are waived. Within the district court criminal caseload, traffic cases accounted for 757,038 dispositions statewide during the 1979-80 year, and 443,455, or 58.6%, of those were disposed by waiver.

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		Total Disposed	Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea		Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
			Magis-trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis-trate*	Judge	Magis-trate*					
District 1													
Camden	MV	617	15	411	85	-	25	-	0	31	0	50	69.0
	N-MV	126	1	0	20	33	29	0	4	8	0	31	.7
Chowan	MV	1,397	85	840	249	-	85	-	0	43	0	95	66.2
	N-MV	803	72	30	259	56	83	0	75	103	0	125	12.7
Currituck	MV	2,791	64	1,854	492	-	129	-	2	105	0	145	68.7
	N-MV	529	24	0	102	147	100	0	39	86	0	31	4.5
Dare	MV	3,771	170	2,167	849	-	172	-	4	230	0	179	61.9
	N-MV	921	28	29	273	223	118	0	63	151	0	36	6.1
Gates	MV	1,661	93	997	269	-	145	-	1	143	0	13	65.6
	N-MV	258	28	8	78	67	36	0	18	18	0	5	13.9
Pasquotank	MV	2,881	421	1,263	790	-	194	-	7	119	0	87	58.4
	N-MV	1,692	74	119	671	136	295	1	106	180	0	110	11.4
Perquimans	MV	1,296	32	899	182	-	63	-	0	107	0	13	71.8
	N-MV	391	3	1	105	37	76	0	65	70	0	34	1.0
District Totals	MV	14,414	880	8,431	2,916	-	813	-	14	778	0	582	64.5
	N-MV	4,720	230	187	1,508	699	737	1	370	616	0	372	8.8
District 2													
Beaufort	MV	5,845	1,846	1,552	1,173	-	644	-	26	529	1	74	58.1
	N-MV	2,511	467	120	837	189	430	1	131	188	0	148	23.3
Hyde	MV	387	37	176	88	-	48	-	1	24	0	13	55.0
	N-MV	363	5	46	69	119	62	0	11	16	0	35	14.0
Martin	MV	2,844	380	1,221	734	-	270	-	35	71	0	133	56.2
	N-MV	1,635	216	40	667	29	224	0	102	110	0	247	15.6
Tyrrell	MV	431	29	265	36	-	63	-	1	17	0	20	68.2
	N-MV	195	7	6	71	26	48	2	17	11	0	7	6.6
Washington	MV	1,331	435	486	166	-	162	-	1	64	0	17	69.1
	N-MV	650	115	55	153	34	158	2	67	40	0	26	26.1
District Totals	MV	10,838	2,727	3,700	2,197	-	1,187	-	64	705	1	257	59.3
	N-MV	5,354	810	267	1,797	397	922	5	328	365	0	463	20.1
District 3													
Carteret	MV	6,073	745	2,429	1,817	-	189	-	11	447	1	434	52.2
	N-MV	3,997	154	131	1,139	549	316	7	215	998	0	488	7.1
Craven	MV	10,670	2,299	3,872	2,813	-	535	-	8	1,128	0	15	57.8
	N-MV	4,557	873	73	1,240	261	524	0	395	1,016	0	175	20.7
Pamlico	MV	574	41	233	192	-	37	-	16	53	0	2	47.7
	N-MV	507	9	9	101	104	62	0	111	89	0	22	3.5
Pitt	MV	8,145	1,714	2,727	2,461	-	495	-	8	702	0	38	54.5
	N-MV	6,741	1,244	667	2,008	223	821	0	533	961	0	284	28.3
District Totals	MV	25,462	4,799	9,261	7,283	-	1,256	-	43	2,330	1	489	55.2
	N-MV	15,802	2,280	880	4,488	1,137	1,723	7	1,251	3,064	0	969	19.9
District 4													
Duplin	MV	5,244	949	1,662	1,673	-	61	-	4	389	0	506	49.7
	N-MV	2,333	408	218	581	0	66	0	75	366	0	619	26.8
Jones	MV	1,394	105	725	374	-	31	-	0	122	0	37	59.5
	N-MV	319	21	7	81	39	36	0	40	70	0	25	8.7
Onslow	MV	17,023	4,020	4,352	5,825	-	326	-	1	2,413	0	86	49.1
	N-MV	8,076	764	354	3,019	262	479	0	39	1,972	0	1,187	13.8
Sampson	MV	9,877	1,117	4,959	2,673	-	104	-	1	277	0	746	61.5
	N-MV	3,022	611	243	936	29	100	5	7	512	0	579	28.2
District Totals	MV	33,538	6,191	11,698	10,545	-	522	-	6	3,201	0	1,375	53.3
	N-MV	13,750	1,804	822	4,617	330	681	5	161	2,920	0	2,410	19.0
District 5													
New Hanover	MV	13,835	4,690	2,057	3,455	-	1,478	-	56	1,841	0	258	48.7
	N-MV	9,314	1,175	406	3,284	281	1,338	0	1,005	1,339	0	486	16.9
Pender	MV	3,079	187	1,478	795	-	227	-	2	283	0	107	54.0
	N-MV	1,049	7	1	264	253	141	1	146	118	0	118	.7
District Totals	MV	16,914	4,877	3,535	4,250	-	1,705	-	58	2,124	0	365	49.7
	N-MV	10,363	1,182	407	3,548	534	1,479	1	1,151	1,457	0	604	15.3

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		Total Disposed	Magis-trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis-trate*	Judge	Magis-trate*	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 6													
Bertie	MV	2,758	326	1,469	480	-	113	-	13	131	0	226	65.0
	N-MV	779	53	61	181	93	162	1	74	95	0	59	14.6
Halifax	MV	10,923	1,617	3,619	2,849	-	236	-	6	2,398	0	198	47.9
	N-MV	3,701	315	68	852	431	545	2	338	829	8	313	10.3
Hertford	MV	4,415	660	2,246	796	-	177	-	5	447	0	84	65.8
	N-MV	1,437	302	26	316	89	195	7	142	196	0	164	22.8
Northampton	MV	5,483	465	2,363	811	-	134	-	13	439	0	1,258	51.5
	N-MV	815	49	37	158	124	133	3	74	146	0	91	10.5
District Totals	MV	23,579	3,068	9,697	4,936	-	660	-	37	3,415	0	1,766	54.1
	N-MV	6,732	719	192	1,507	737	1,035	13	628	1,266	8	627	13.5
District 7													
Edgecombe	MV	4,785	1,497	1,799	795	-	157	-	2	529	0	6	68.8
	N-MV	5,097	883	442	1,615	258	534	0	253	863	0	249	25.9
Nash	MV	9,408	2,117	4,252	1,305	-	257	-	11	1,430	0	36	67.6
	N-MV	4,943	1,224	310	1,398	213	451	0	262	845	0	240	31.0
Wilson	MV	8,189	2,749	2,948	1,086	-	243	-	35	1,018	0	110	69.5
	N-MV	4,772	660	199	1,359	222	408	0	406	924	1	593	18.0
District Totals	MV	22,382	6,363	8,999	3,186	-	657	-	48	2,977	0	152	68.6
	N-MV	14,812	2,767	951	4,372	693	1,393	0	921	2,632	1	1,082	25.1
District 8													
Greene	MV	1,368	398	395	329	-	38	-	2	118	0	88	57.9
	N-MV	841	132	5	194	28	102	0	84	211	0	85	16.2
Lenoir	MV	7,448	241	3,881	1,820	-	244	-	18	887	0	357	55.3
	N-MV	4,627	112	0	1,371	592	535	0	260	1,385	0	372	2.4
Wayne	MV	11,315	1,270	5,578	2,630	-	315	-	7	1,420	0	95	60.5
	N-MV	5,993	356	693	1,687	154	476	0	225	1,825	0	577	17.5
District Totals	MV	20,131	1,909	9,854	4,779	-	597	-	27	2,425	0	540	58.4
	N-MV	11,461	600	698	3,252	774	1,113	0	569	3,421	0	1,034	11.3
District 9													
Franklin	MV	3,122	931	666	969	-	215	-	2	324	0	15	51.1
	N-MV	1,695	459	47	470	69	246	0	123	232	0	49	29.8
Granville	MV	5,726	1,474	1,666	1,578	-	186	-	1	258	0	563	54.8
	N-MV	1,777	311	114	582	96	253	1	165	169	0	86	23.9
Person	MV	2,676	965	292	934	-	181	-	1	264	0	39	46.9
	N-MV	1,939	177	27	597	189	364	0	128	302	0	155	10.5
Vance	MV	4,926	1,319	1,562	1,040	-	129	-	6	544	0	326	58.4
	N-MV	2,637	497	161	735	13	294	0	36	431	0	470	24.9
Warren	MV	3,459	480	1,468	884	-	150	-	1	353	0	123	56.3
	N-MV	1,104	114	20	234	119	194	0	113	172	0	138	12.1
District Totals	MV	19,909	5,169	5,654	5,405	-	861	-	11	1,743	0	1,066	54.3
	N-MV	9,152	1,558	369	2,618	486	1,351	1	565	1,306	0	898	21.0
District 10													
Wake	MV	44,833	1,504	23,608	9,897	-	2,895	-	67	6,757	1	104	56.0
	N-MV	23,093	438	4,699	8,019	979	1,788	0	1,552	4,543	0	1,075	22.2
District 11													
Harnett	MV	7,996	1,555	3,066	1,992	-	342	-	13	559	0	469	57.7
	N-MV	3,291	359	254	1,156	140	323	1	228	522	0	308	18.6
Johnston	MV	12,804	2,165	4,910	2,684	-	629	-	19	1,832	0	565	55.2
	N-MV	3,845	589	423	1,215	4	527	0	240	493	0	354	26.3
Lee	MV	3,964	1,543	916	1,039	-	179	-	1	273	0	13	62.0
	N-MV	3,772	939	89	1,275	0	420	0	176	528	0	345	27.2
District Totals	MV	24,764	5,263	8,892	5,715	-	1,150	-	33	2,664	0	1,047	57.1
	N-MV	10,908	1,887	766	3,646	144	1,270	1	644	1,543	0	1,007	24.3
District 12													
Cumberland	MV	36,808	1,528	19,918	7,508	-	2,229	-	112	5,092	2	419	58.2
	N-MV	22,696	287	4,443	4,726	238	1,871	9	59	4,908	0	6,155	20.8
Hoke	MV	2,890	84	1,669	707	-	137	-	0	227	0	66	60.6
	N-MV	1,307	45	214	300	33	189	0	31	444	0	51	19.8
District Totals	MV	39,698	1,612	21,587	8,215	-	2,366	-	112	5,319	2	485	58.4
	N-MV	24,003	332	4,657	5,026	271	2,060	9	90	5,352	0	6,206	20.7

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		Total Disposed	Magistrate	Clerk	Judge	Magistrate*	Judge	Magistrate*	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 13													
Bladen	MV	7,287	1,311	2,691	1,813	-	278	-	7	1,114	0	73	54.9
	N-MV	2,177	148	123	701	314	324	0	74	440	0	53	12.4
Brunswick	MV	4,188	2,488	22	1,042	-	160	-	6	231	0	239	59.9
	N-MV	2,006	201	11	540	250	322	0	139	405	0	138	10.5
Columbus	MV	9,007	726	3,833	1,702	-	1,068	-	6	1,484	0	188	50.6
	N-MV	3,552	492	460	1,016	84	397	1	280	707	0	115	26.8
District Totals	MV	20,482	4,525	6,546	4,557	-	1,506	-	19	2,829	0	500	54.0
	N-MV	7,735	841	594	2,257	648	1,043	1	493	1,552	0	306	18.5
District 14													
Durham	MV	15,829	250	8,429	3,867	-	551	-	11	2,632	0	89	54.8
	N-MV	11,437	796	1,070	4,021	10	889	0	654	3,656	8	333	16.3
District 15A													
Alamance	MV	12,079	2,946	4,384	2,669	-	839	-	9	791	0.	441	60.6
	N-MV	5,351	438	29	2,085	228	884	0	466	951	0	270	8.7
District 15B													
Chatham	MV	4,912	607	2,192	1,570	-	177	-	0	342	0	24	56.9
	N-MV	1,147	100	52	326	196	112	0	89	225	0	47	13.2
Orange	MV	10,221	2,171	3,714	2,627	-	470	-	6	514	0	719	57.5
	N-MV	3,427	425	32	1,004	114	326	0	412	987	0	127	13.3
District Totals	MV	15,133	2,778	5,906	4,197	-	647	-	6	856	0	743	57.3
	N-MV	4,574	525	84	1,330	310	438	0	501	1,212	0	174	13.3
District 16													
Robeson	MV	17,473	4,130	4,717	4,701	-	540	-	43	251	0	3,091	50.6
	N-MV	8,571	1,436	139	3,216	187	779	0	718	240	0	1,856	18.3
Scotland	MV	4,225	1,478	1,229	891	-	139	-	2	199	0	287	64.0
	N-MV	3,324	422	91	995	146	394	0	182	231	0	863	15.4
District Totals	MV	21,698	5,608	5,946	5,592	-	679	-	45	450	0	3,378	53.2
	N-MV	11,895	1,858	230	4,211	333	1,173	0	900	471	0	2,719	17.5
District 17													
Caswell	MV	1,577	465	478	353	-	98	-	1	159	0	23	59.7
	N-MV	1,017	62	11	293	80	214	0	144	124	0	89	7.1
Rockingham	MV	9,454	2,994	2,955	2,121	-	501	-	4	779	0	100	62.9
	N-MV	5,077	526	76	1,514	126	872	0	184	895	0	884	11.8
Stokes	MV	3,764	484	1,981	351	-	589	-	0	220	0	139	65.4
	N-MV	995	57	50	156	192	212	0	2	151	0	175	10.7
Surry	MV	6,730	3,989	74	1,633	-	260	-	8	697	0	69	60.3
	N-MV	2,814	296	21	854	55	491	0	344	473	0	280	11.2
District Totals	MV	21,525	7,932	5,488	4,458	-	1,448	-	13	1,855	0	331	62.3
	N-MV	9,903	941	158	2,817	453	1,789	0	674	1,643	0	1,428	11.0
District 18													
Guilford	MV	39,213	2,194	20,117	9,262	-	2,334	-	7	5,046	2	251	56.8
	N-MV	20,429	215	625	8,241	965	2,395	4	326	5,750	0	1,908	4.1
District 19A													
Cabarrus	MV	12,330	3,146	5,094	1,843	-	924	-	22	1,087	1	213	66.8
	N-MV	3,137	219	112	1,009	255	688	0	411	365	0	78	10.5
Rowan	MV	11,612	1,912	5,902	1,672	-	841	-	6	1,219	0	60	67.2
	N-MV	3,284	144	112	984	153	674	1	478	485	0	253	7.7
District Totals	MV	23,942	5,058	10,996	3,515	-	1,765	-	28	2,306	1	273	67.0
	N-MV	6,421	363	224	1,993	408	1,362	1	889	850	0	331	9.1
District 19B													
Montgomery	MV	4,814	3,307	0	813	-	245	-	11	428	0	10	68.6
	N-MV	2,147	228	0	390	516	302	1	198	495	0	17	10.6
Randolph	MV	9,044	1,399	4,624	1,516	-	549	-	4	929	0	23	66.5
	N-MV	3,178	575	0	920	111	396	0	343	760	0	73	18.0
District Totals	MV	13,858	4,706	4,624	2,329	-	794	-	15	1,357	0	33	67.3
	N-MV	5,325	803	0	1,310	627	698	1	541	1,255	0	90	15.0

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			Magis-trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis-trate*	Judge	Magis-trate*					
District 20													
Anson	MV	3,903	1,036	1,491	817	-	202	-	2	257	0	98	64.7
	N-MV	1,396	110	3	391	113	267	0	152	284	0	76	8.0
Moore	MV	6,606	1,507	1,928	2,088	-	304	-	13	379	0	387	51.9
	N-MV	3,449	598	258	836	63	348	0	329	491	0	526	24.8
Richmond	MV	4,526	1,084	1,414	1,164	-	239	-	88	272	0	265	55.1
	N-MV	2,174	166	20	549	52	447	0	389	511	0	40	8.5
Stanly	MV	5,625	1,547	1,680	1,705	-	58	-	14	511	0	110	57.3
	N-MV	2,177	369	40	707	241	92	0	223	419	0	86	18.7
Union	MV	6,031	1,382	2,212	1,418	-	397	-	16	251	0	355	59.5
	N-MV	3,451	407	9	854	247	671	0	550	606	0	107	12.0
District Totals	MV	26,691	6,556	8,725	7,192	-	1,200	-	133	1,670	0	1,215	57.2
	N-MV	12,647	1,650	330	3,337	716	1,825	0	1,643	2,311	0	835	15.6
District 21													
Forsyth	MV	36,075	3	22,844	5,870	-	2,781	-	21	4,431	0	125	63.3
	N-MV	12,115	1	1,705	3,761	125	2,590	1	1,082	2,094	0	756	14.0
District 22													
Alexander	MV	2,030	541	479	665	-	110	-	4	217	0	14	50.2
	N-MV	914	65	15	215	177	113	0	47	255	0	27	8.7
Davidson	MV	10,412	2,238	3,876	2,289	-	327	-	2	1,575	0	105	58.7
	N-MV	5,509	247	161	1,821	340	794	1	212	1,655	0	278	7.4
Davie	MV	4,380	2,730	268	595	-	64	-	11	616	0	96	68.4
	N-MV	947	71	7	255	28	132	0	52	284	0	118	8.2
Iredell	MV	11,399	4,116	3,297	2,312	-	389	-	6	1,145	0	134	65.0
	N-MV	4,886	581	24	1,731	258	491	0	339	1,303	0	159	12.3
District Totals	MV	28,221	9,625	7,920	5,861	-	890	-	23	3,553	0	349	62.1
	N-MV	12,256	964	207	4,022	803	1,530	1	650	3,497	0	582	9.5
District 23													
Alleghany	MV	682	225	105	203	-	74	-	5	54	0	16	48.3
	N-MV	349	48	8	119	17	53	0	20	59	0	25	16.0
Ashe	MV	1,853	265	793	473	-	216	-	2	55	0	49	57.0
	N-MV	862	47	71	232	58	189	0	67	50	0	148	13.6
Wilkes	MV	6,378	2,110	1,481	1,572	-	689	-	9	423	0	94	56.3
	N-MV	2,970	359	27	823	154	687	4	141	510	0	265	12.9
Yadkin	MV	3,093	793	1,255	566	-	231	-	8	81	0	159	66.2
	N-MV	964	110	39	289	58	161	0	85	111	0	111	15.4
District Totals	MV	12,006	3,393	3,634	2,814	-	1,210	-	24	613	0	318	58.5
	N-MV	5,145	564	145	1,463	287	1,090	4	313	730	0	549	13.7
District 24													
Avery	MV	1,961	861	401	300	-	66	-	1	321	0	11	64.3
	N-MV	445	81	9	70	71	52	3	31	99	0	29	20.2
Madison	MV	1,950	186	858	186	-	43	-	3	601	0	73	53.5
	N-MV	332	1	0	44	7	55	0	33	164	0	28	.3
Mitchell	MV	1,323	201	556	249	-	46	-	3	247	0	21	57.2
	N-MV	360	33	17	81	15	77	0	18	92	0	27	13.8
Watauga	MV	3,536	434	1,480	930	-	141	-	7	515	0	29	54.1
	N-MV	1,125	111	59	238	51	116	8	83	356	0	103	15.1
Yancey	MV	1,577	161	688	192	-	58	-	0	477	0	1	53.8
	N-MV	528	17	2	78	228	73	1	12	105	0	12	3.5
District Totals	MV	10,347	1,843	3,983	1,857	-	354	-	14	2,161	0	135	56.3
	N-MV	2,790	243	87	511	372	373	12	177	816	0	199	11.8
District 25													
Burke	MV	9,644	1,305	4,787	2,237	-	177	-	1	1,044	0	93	63.1
	N-MV	2,898	246	117	824	180	284	0	188	806	0	253	12.5
Caldwell	MV	6,554	2,516	922	2,298	-	212	-	6	586	0	14	52.4
	N-MV	3,258	241	1	948	301	331	2	246	953	0	235	7.4
Catawba	MV	12,660	4,068	3,006	3,669	-	354	-	5	1,116	0	442	55.8
	N-MV	6,651	785	120	2,070	224	522	0	524	1,334	0	1,072	13.6
District Totals	MV	28,858	7,889	8,715	8,204	-	743	-	12	2,746	0	549	57.5
	N-MV	12,807	1,272	238	3,842	705	1,137	2	958	3,093	0	1,560	11.7

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			Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea						
District 26		Total Disposed	Magis-trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis-trate*	Judge	Magis-trate*	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
Mecklenburg	MV	56,337	1,450	32,886	10,779	-	3,198	-	34	7,805	2	183	60.9
	N-MV	18,129	641	6	5,367	2,602	1,598	3	1,023	5,720	9	1,160	3.5
District 27A													
Gaston	MV	15,238	6,810	1,914	3,072	-	712	-	2	2,601	0	127	57.2
	N-MV	11,094	828	7	3,097	556	1,312	0	137	2,794	3	2,360	7.5
District 27B													
Cleveland	MV	8,367	3,691	1,182	2,184	-	202	-	3	655	0	450	58.2
	N-MV	4,626	574	41	1,655	162	460	2	408	936	0	388	13.2
Lincoln	MV	4,318	1,526	1,000	954	-	107	-	6	715	2	8	58.4
	N-MV	2,461	231	119	638	168	229	0	238	615	0	223	14.2
District Totals	MV	12,685	5,217	2,182	3,138	-	309	-	9	1,370	2	458	58.3
	N-MV	7,087	805	160	2,293	330	689	2	646	1,551	0	611	13.6
District 28													
Buncombe	MV	14,852	4,061	5,213	3,742	-	517	-	32	1,148	0	139	62.4
	N-MV	11,775	1,483	675	5,340	109	671	0	817	1,917	0	763	18.3
District 29													
Henderson	MV	6,219	2,271	1,287	1,536	-	120	-	1	889	0	115	57.2
	N-MV	3,163	1	74	804	513	202	0	301	664	0	604	2.3
McDowell	MV	4,853	2,885	205	971	-	191	-	19	219	0	363	63.6
	N-MV	1,315	78	4	438	279	110	3	65	299	0	39	6.2
Polk	MV	1,710	65	977	294	-	67	-	2	134	0	171	60.9
	N-MV	749	6	2	179	20	58	0	40	159	0	285	1.0
Rutherford	MV	3,204	1,561	363	702	-	202	-	5	141	0	230	60.0
	N-MV	2,522	106	9	812	515	369	0	201	422	0	88	4.5
Transylvania	MV	2,061	605	699	423	-	61	-	2	193	0	78	63.2
	N-MV	1,124	23	49	306	239	52	0	77	272	0	106	6.4
District Totals	MV	18,047	7,387	3,531	3,926	-	641	-	29	1,576	0	957	60.4
	N-MV	8,873	214	138	2,539	1,566	791	3	684	1,816	0	1,122	3.9
District 30													
Cherokee	MV	2,408	330	1,167	506	-	11	-	1	316	0	77	62.1
	N-MV	696	10	31	219	2	10	0	53	261	0	110	5.8
Clay	MV	637	86	307	134	-	12	-	0	45	0	53	61.6
	N-MV	266	4	22	29	108	7	0	12	35	0	49	9.7
Graham	MV	523	6	263	113	-	24	-	0	95	0	22	51.4
	N-MV	338	9	6	45	127	13	2	8	86	0	42	4.4
Haywood	MV	5,882	3,195	20	1,415	-	107	-	11	940	0	194	54.6
	N-MV	2,171	204	30	637	86	111	8	181	884	0	30	10.7
Jackson	MV	3,700	1,083	1,118	800	-	32	-	17	506	0	144	59.4
	N-MV	734	35	82	118	15	21	0	6	200	0	257	15.9
Macon	MV	2,787	516	925	378	-	22	-	4	161	0	781	51.7
	N-MV	794	46	9	143	211	29	0	96	129	0	131	6.9
Swain	MV	1,523	766	181	239	-	12	-	0	145	0	180	62.1
	N-MV	550	35	5	100	195	27	0	0	170	0	18	7.2
District Totals	MV	17,460	5,982	3,981	3,585	-	220	-	33	2,208	0	1,451	57.0
	N-MV	5,549	343	185	1,291	744	218	10	356	1,765	0	637	9.5
STATE TOTALS	MV	757,038	140,575	302,880	169,810	-	38,007	-	1,039	84,442	12	20,273	58.5
	N-MV	353,487	30,395	21,792	109,526	20,078	40,047	88	22,163	73,929	29	35,440	14.7

Ages of Motor Vehicle (MV) and Non-Motor Vehicle (N-MV) Cases in the District Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 1																	
Camden	MV	86	40.3	14.1	73	5	1	7	0	617	33.1	20.2	538	44	28	6	1
	NMV	15	40.5	40.7	12	3	0	0	0	126	28.3	23.8	115	6	4	1	0
Chowan	MV	114	51.2	21.3	89	17	0	7	1	1,397	26.7	17.4	1,267	90	37	3	0
	NMV	93	84.0	25.4	55	9	11	18	0	803	23.7	14.0	739	48	7	8	1
Currituck	MV	310	34.1	20.9	261	36	11	1	1	2,791	32.0	18.8	2,480	166	71	70	4
	NMV	61	34.8	26.4	54	7	0	0	0	529	43.6	14.8	484	20	2	14	9
Dare	MV	324	35.5	19.7	281	27	5	10	1	3,771	25.3	14.0	3,426	181	138	23	3
	NMV	127	83.3	36.7	80	23	19	1	4	921	39.1	15.0	827	52	19	4	19
Gates	MV	130	52.2	18.4	100	9	8	13	0	1,661	49.3	20.5	1,414	108	22	76	41
	NMV	6	22.5	24.0	6	0	0	0	0	258	16.6	12.0	250	6	1	1	0
Pasquotank	MV	259	34.6	21.0	218	25	15	1	0	2,881	28.9	20.4	2,638	153	42	48	0
	NMV	121	43.0	12.3	107	7	4	1	2	1,692	23.5	17.1	1,600	76	10	5	1
Perquimans	MV	135	48.7	21.0	110	13	8	1	3	1,296	30.1	18.8	1,166	73	45	8	4
	NMV	22	177.8	41.0	15	1	1	1	4	391	28.4	16.0	368	16	2	3	2
District Totals	MV	1,358	39.5	20.7	1,132	132	48	40	6	14,414	31.0	17.6	12,929	815	383	234	53
	NMV	445	68.2	26.2	329	50	35	21	10	4,720	29.0	16.0	4,383	224	45	36	32
District 2																	
Beaufort	MV	508	75.7	20.6	417	45	9	9	28	5,845	28.1	15.2	5,415	232	57	111	30
	NMV	216	249.6	45.5	112	26	6	28	44	2,511	15.3	6.4	2,442	37	14	5	13
Hyde	MV	54	22.4	20.5	49	5	0	0	0	387	27.1	14.4	346	32	8	1	0
	NMV	12	109.4	25.5	7	2	0	1	2	363	16.0	5.4	341	14	5	3	0
Martin	MV	253	47.1	14.1	194	26	23	7	3	2,844	27.8	16.5	2,586	132	71	54	1
	NMV	119	223.5	77.0	58	5	14	13	29	1,635	16.0	7.6	1,572	46	10	5	2
Tyrrell	MV	58	44.3	21.2	51	1	4	1	1	431	24.7	15.6	404	10	14	3	0
	NMV	10	139.4	52.0	6	0	0	3	1	195	21.2	13.4	185	7	2	1	0
Washington	MV	134	37.5	14.3	114	12	3	4	1	1,331	24.6	15.9	1,236	65	13	17	0
	NMV	26	16.7	4.5	25	0	1	0	0	650	22.0	9.6	615	13	7	13	2
District Totals	MV	1,007	58.8	19.0	825	89	39	21	33	10,838	27.4	15.6	9,987	471	163	186	31
	NMV	383	218.4	32.2	208	33	21	45	76	5,354	16.6	7.0	5,155	117	38	27	17
District 3																	
Carteret	MV	992	44.5	25.0	756	150	63	22	1	6,073	38.0	18.4	5,207	566	136	90	74
	NMV	680	76.3	33.4	415	113	92	54	6	3,997	46.2	20.0	3,395	389	71	75	67
Craven	MV	1,441	83.6	21.0	1,081	180	70	60	50	10,670	33.8	17.6	9,423	672	118	422	35
	NMV	586	128.7	27.5	440	26	33	35	52	4,557	31.1	15.1	4,080	304	54	99	20
Pamlico	MV	34	45.3	17.5	29	4	0	0	1	574	26.7	15.5	511	50	10	3	0
	NMV	24	34.8	11.1	20	3	0	0	1	507	23.5	12.8	452	50	4	1	0
Pitt	MV	1,016	81.3	24.0	763	99	55	42	57	8,145	33.4	15.8	7,341	433	167	92	112
	NMV	812	118.5	27.8	549	94	64	22	83	6,741	36.0	16.7	6,072	354	86	113	116
District Totals	MV	3,483	71.4	21.3	2,629	433	188	124	109	25,462	34.5	17.6	22,482	1,721	431	607	221
	NMV	2,102	106.7	30.5	1,424	236	189	111	142	15,802	36.8	17.0	13,999	1,097	215	288	203

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District 4																	
Duplin	MV	786	57.4	26.1	594	106	65	3	18	5,244	41.8	24.0	4,266	514	305	139	20
	NMV	285	71.0	32.0	196	39	24	21	5	2,333	35.0	15.9	2,008	206	48	32	39
Jones	MV	149	42.2	28.0	109	30	7	3	0	1,394	36.1	22.5	1,165	138	81	10	0
	NMV	39	42.2	12.6	28	3	8	0	0	319	29.2	16.3	283	23	8	5	0
Onslow	MV	2,158	44.3	24.6	1,610	360	130	56	2	17,023	43.7	22.9	13,691	1,758	705	849	20
	NMV	890	42.6	24.0	691	117	59	23	0	8,076	32.1	19.2	6,914	807	222	131	2
Sampson	MV	1,264	48.5	26.9	998	195	39	7	25	9,877	32.8	20.9	8,530	740	579	25	3
	NMV	389	60.1	37.8	280	58	37	7	7	3,022	34.0	23.5	2,547	403	52	16	4
District Totals	MV	4,357	47.8	26.0	3,311	691	241	69	45	33,538	39.9	22.6	27,652	3,150	1,670	1,023	43
	NMV	1,603	51.9	27.7	1,195	217	128	51	12	13,750	32.9	20.6	11,752	1,439	330	184	45
District 5																	
New Hanover	MV	1,696	85.7	40.0	1,051	281	225	57	82	13,835	30.5	17.6	12,161	1,051	431	173	19
	NMV	1,503	124.3	37.8	868	218	144	99	174	9,314	32.2	16.0	8,079	708	226	258	43
Pender	MV	463	101.4	39.5	293	60	43	43	24	3,079	49.3	19.7	2,486	236	110	200	47
	NMV	135	225.7	46.0	83	11	12	4	25	1,049	23.7	8.7	961	53	19	12	4
District Totals	MV	2,159	89.1	39.6	1,344	341	268	100	106	16,914	33.9	18.6	14,647	1,287	541	373	66
	NMV	1,638	132.7	38.1	951	229	156	103	199	10,363	32.2	15.6	9,040	761	245	270	47
District 6																	
Bertie	MV	211	32.8	23.6	170	33	8	0	0	2,758	31.0	17.6	2,397	247	97	7	10
	NMV	73	24.6	17.2	66	4	2	1	0	779	23.6	9.7	724	40	7	5	3
Halifax	MV	1,586	39.0	25.1	1,188	348	44	5	1	10,923	41.1	24.1	8,620	1,407	866	29	1
	NMV	424	50.4	24.5	328	60	22	7	7	3,701	28.7	15.7	3,246	362	72	20	1
Hertford	MV	356	55.3	23.8	265	54	14	17	6	4,415	32.5	13.4	3,848	294	116	129	28
	NMV	157	61.5	19.7	112	29	9	1	6	1,437	29.3	13.1	1,256	133	28	8	12
Northampton	MV	408	36.1	14.5	328	52	27	1	0	5,483	17.3	8.4	5,121	310	44	7	1
	NMV	71	47.6	24.4	42	23	5	1	0	815	21.5	10.4	757	48	4	6	0
District Totals	MV	2,561	40.3	24.8	1,951	487	93	23	7	23,579	32.8	17.0	19,986	2,258	1,123	172	40
	NMV	725	49.9	21.4	548	116	38	10	13	6,732	27.4	14.6	5,983	583	111	39	16
District 7																	
Edgecombe	MV	666	52.0	30.5	464	131	43	26	2	4,785	35.8	20.0	4,028	457	211	80	9
	NMV	560	55.8	29.7	383	96	56	19	6	5,097	35.2	18.6	4,245	588	169	90	5
Nash	MV	1,594	72.5	27.5	1,160	220	59	73	82	9,408	38.3	19.9	7,644	1,188	418	141	17
	NMV	766	110.0	45.6	446	132	67	48	72	4,943	39.0	19.7	3,938	668	229	92	16
Wilson	MV	1,108	90.4	31.3	734	184	54	87	49	8,189	41.9	21.4	6,549	893	524	190	33
	NMV	815	117.9	46.5	449	171	68	76	51	4,772	44.4	19.6	3,664	658	238	188	24
District Totals	MV	3,368	74.3	28.1	2,358	535	156	186	133	22,382	39.1	21.0	18,221	2,538	1,153	411	59
	NMV	2,140	98.8	41.1	1,278	399	191	143	129	14,812	39.4	19.6	11,847	1,914	636	370	45

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District 8																	
Greene	MV	218	41.7	21.1	164	40	9	5	0	1,368	33.7	16.6	1,168	108	61	31	0
	NMV	134	28.5	18.0	117	12	4	1	0	841	30.4	16.2	774	35	6	21	5
Lenoir	MV	851	57.4	27.6	598	142	61	40	10	7,448	33.9	19.2	6,327	703	316	93	9
	NMV	616	51.4	27.5	447	124	21	19	5	4,627	31.1	18.9	3,940	531	108	45	3
Wayne	MV	1,460	51.6	27.5	1,078	209	84	79	10	11,315	34.6	16.3	9,649	1,019	448	131	68
	NMV	861	70.9	41.3	521	179	92	54	15	5,993	40.8	20.9	5,000	617	179	123	74
District Totals	MV	2,529	52.7	27.3	1,840	391	154	124	20	20,131	34.3	17.6	17,144	1,830	825	255	77
	NMV	1,611	59.9	32.8	1,085	315	117	74	20	11,461	36.1	20.6	9,714	1,183	293	189	82
District 9																	
Franklin	MV	390	52.0	21.5	303	53	20	7	7	3,122	34.5	20.0	2,686	272	114	34	16
	NMV	260	199.3	68.5	125	34	19	17	65	1,695	30.1	13.5	1,507	128	25	19	16
Granville	MV	537	49.7	24.4	408	98	10	13	8	5,726	31.9	17.1	4,849	601	222	50	4
	NMV	150	191.7	28.5	91	25	5	4	25	1,777	24.5	12.1	1,629	101	21	21	5
Person	MV	267	57.9	31.3	193	40	14	17	3	2,676	36.7	19.7	2,267	224	138	36	11
	NMV	204	49.9	19.6	159	20	5	18	2	1,939	37.7	15.1	1,707	141	30	34	27
Vance	MV	741	54.4	33.1	500	154	48	39	0	4,926	37.6	24.0	4,105	555	214	45	7
	NMV	427	69.5	19.3	304	44	42	21	16	2,637	28.8	13.9	2,369	168	31	54	15
Warren	MV	522	74.9	33.3	326	121	32	28	15	3,459	45.2	20.5	2,850	333	138	83	55
	NMV	173	231.5	83.4	75	27	15	20	36	1,104	75.8	10.0	894	50	23	38	99
District Totals	MV	2,457	57.7	32.0	1,730	466	124	104	33	19,909	36.7	21.0	16,757	1,985	826	248	93
	NMV	1,214	132.2	28.1	754	150	86	80	144	9,152	35.8	13.6	8,106	588	130	166	162
District 10																	
Wake	MV	5,114	83.3	28.0	3,663	646	322	241	242	44,833	42.2	27.6	36,475	5,457	1,834	943	124
	NMV	3,331	100.0	41.0	1,989	624	314	222	182	23,093	49.3	28.0	17,635	3,567	807	924	160
District 11																	
Harnett	MV	867	51.0	32.1	643	163	37	19	5	7,996	34.2	18.2	6,749	789	328	123	7
	NMV	304	50.2	28.1	231	44	21	7	1	3,291	30.4	17.1	2,884	292	74	36	5
Johnston	MV	1,713	41.6	26.5	1,323	282	80	26	2	12,804	37.5	21.1	10,591	1,462	548	181	22
	NMV	544	65.5	43.8	325	129	55	33	2	3,845	32.1	15.6	3,359	334	81	52	19
Lee	MV	254	80.4	32.5	175	48	9	7	15	3,964	30.2	16.9	3,405	444	89	15	11
	NMV	277	99.8	40.1	196	39	19	4	19	3,772	23.0	10.2	3,458	232	36	33	13
District Totals	MV	2,834	48.0	28.0	2,141	493	126	52	22	24,764	35.3	20.6	20,745	2,695	965	319	40
	NMV	1,125	69.8	37.8	752	212	95	44	22	10,908	28.4	15.0	9,701	858	191	121	37
District 12																	
Cumberland	MV	5,158	41.6	27.5	3,945	920	221	68	4	36,808	40.0	23.6	29,557	4,613	2,028	580	30
	NMV	3,267	50.6	31.8	2,322	657	192	81	15	22,696	39.5	21.1	18,065	2,832	1,091	622	86
Hoke	MV	313	41.2	25.5	240	52	14	5	2	2,890	32.1	16.5	2,493	249	90	52	6
	NMV	150	61.2	32.8	99	20	12	19	0	1,307	53.2	26.1	957	120	193	34	3
District Totals	MV	5,471	41.6	27.0	4,185	972	235	73	6	39,698	39.4	23.6	32,050	4,862	2,118	632	36
	NMV	3,417	51.1	31.8	2,421	677	204	100	15	24,003	40.2	21.6	19,022	2,952	1,284	656	89

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District 13																	
Bladen	MV	1,175	56.1	26.0	855	177	68	48	17	7,287	37.8	21.3	6,161	595	296	228	7
	NMV	306	97.0	24.3	215	29	15	26	21	2,177	31.6	17.4	1,921	172	33	38	13
Brunswick	MV	699	55.2	30.5	477	125	65	27	5	4,188	34.1	18.6	3,490	447	220	26	5
	NMV	284	55.4	30.6	220	25	17	19	3	2,006	40.6	23.0	1,553	339	77	24	13
Columbus	MV	966	50.5	26.9	735	151	47	24	9	9,007	36.9	20.1	7,452	921	362	265	7
	NMV	308	42.5	20.0	253	41	6	6	2	3,552	33.9	20.8	3,104	306	85	45	12
District Totals	MV	2,840	54.0	26.7	2,077	453	180	99	31	20,482	36.6	21.0	17,103	1,963	878	519	19
	NMV	898	65.2	24.5	688	95	38	51	26	7,735	35.0	20.6	6,578	817	195	107	38
District 14																	
Durham	MV	2,298	60.0	27.3	1,604	315	198	156	25	15,829	42.1	22.2	13,289	1,296	386	797	61
	NMV	1,501	89.2	44.8	863	277	154	123	84	11,437	40.0	15.7	9,569	1,182	307	168	211
District 15A																	
Alamance	MV	1,316	34.6	18.6	1,114	134	36	27	5	12,079	29.9	21.1	10,861	958	198	59	3
	NMV	533	46.9	16.7	425	55	26	14	13	5,351	28.0	18.2	4,848	410	55	30	8
District 15B																	
Chatham	MV	338	37.1	20.5	275	39	15	9	0	4,912	29.7	20.6	4,357	400	139	16	0
	NMV	127	34.7	12.7	114	7	1	2	3	1,147	27.8	15.0	1,049	69	10	14	5
Orange	MV	1,041	46.9	30.8	744	198	83	13	3	10,221	43.6	26.9	8,426	1,021	339	412	23
	NMV	442	47.1	28.5	309	93	30	10	0	3,427	40.6	20.7	2,880	294	128	105	20
District Totals	MV	1,379	44.5	26.7	1,019	237	98	22	3	15,133	39.1	25.6	12,783	1,421	478	428	23
	NMV	569	44.3	24.0	423	100	31	12	3	4,574	37.4	20.0	3,929	363	138	119	25
District 16																	
Robeson	MV	2,026	47.6	24.7	1,472	429	80	29	16	17,473	34.0	17.5	14,298	2,074	1,010	80	11
	NMV	1,225	53.1	31.7	883	256	50	20	16	8,571	38.0	20.5	6,836	1,397	231	100	7
Scotland	MV	405	60.5	27.5	308	64	16	8	9	4,225	26.3	14.8	3,840	235	128	8	14
	NMV	422	92.5	39.6	256	96	26	22	22	3,324	106.2	16.8	2,573	140	90	130	391
District Totals	MV	2,431	49.7	25.4	1,780	493	96	37	25	21,698	32.5	17.0	18,138	2,309	1,138	88	25
	NMV	1,647	63.2	32.4	1,139	352	76	42	38	11,895	57.1	20.6	9,409	1,537	321	230	398
District 17																	
Caswell	MV	167	86.7	37.1	111	30	8	9	9	1,577	43.8	22.2	1,307	139	72	45	14
	NMV	130	74.3	27.1	101	12	4	7	6	1,017	40.9	20.1	886	74	22	18	17
Rockingham	MV	1,029	49.4	27.4	803	123	49	42	12	9,454	37.0	20.7	8,031	770	391	232	30
	NMV	536	99.5	32.3	382	52	26	43	33	5,077	37.2	18.1	4,321	491	123	109	33
Stokes	MV	437	66.3	20.0	305	72	27	20	13	3,764	34.5	20.3	3,193	361	166	42	2
	NMV	135	101.9	21.0	103	10	5	9	8	995	39.2	23.4	812	136	24	22	1
Surry	MV	875	42.4	27.0	666	140	62	6	1	6,730	33.6	18.6	5,696	517	455	59	3
	NMV	342	43.3	21.2	266	46	22	8	0	2,814	42.1	27.3	2,250	389	134	37	4
District Totals	MV	2,508	52.4	27.0	1,885	365	146	77	35	21,525	36.0	20.6	18,227	1,787	1,084	378	49
	NMV	1,143	80.1	27.1	852	120	57	67	47	9,903	39.2	21.6	8,269	1,090	303	186	55

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District 18																	
Guilford	MV	8,156	223.2	70.2	3,847	771	446	825	2,267	39,213	47.4	27.0	32,788	4,285	764	487	889
	NMV	5,010	198.3	65.8	2,419	629	426	563	973	20,429	81.5	33.6	14,892	3,057	496	667	1,317
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	MV	1,964	42.2	27.2	1,548	253	133	24	6	12,330	35.6	24.1	10,459	1,207	525	139	0
	NMV	351	47.8	16.6	292	31	13	7	8	3,137	27.0	15.5	2,892	156	40	46	3
Rowan	MV	1,306	41.9	19.1	1,029	190	59	18	10	11,612	31.9	20.1	10,071	1,040	381	100	20
	NMV	456	120.8	31.6	277	50	30	70	29	3,284	29.2	16.0	3,016	163	43	44	18
District Totals	MV	3,270	42.1	21.3	2,577	443	192	42	16	23,942	33.8	22.6	20,530	2,247	906	239	20
	NMV	807	89.0	21.0	569	81	43	77	37	6,421	28.1	17.6	5,908	319	83	90	21
District 19B																	
Montgomery	MV	542	45.5	21.3	437	69	15	14	7	4,814	34.2	16.2	4,219	285	190	89	31
	NMV	298	61.7	24.7	240	35	9	4	10	2,147	52.9	16.3	1,898	129	36	29	55
Randolph	MV	1,091	42.5	27.2	848	172	60	9	2	9,044	37.6	21.0	7,708	643	301	388	4
	NMV	308	32.4	21.3	275	27	3	2	1	3,178	34.5	20.5	2,839	226	63	41	9
District Totals	MV	1,633	43.5	25.6	1,285	241	75	23	9	13,858	36.4	19.6	11,927	928	491	477	35
	NMV	606	46.8	24.3	515	62	12	6	11	5,325	41.9	17.6	4,737	355	99	70	64
District 20																	
Anson	MV	417	94.6	31.8	274	73	11	28	31	3,903	30.1	15.6	3,476	280	90	34	23
	NMV	166	69.4	20.3	134	10	10	7	5	1,396	29.5	19.4	1,259	105	18	13	1
Moore	MV	755	77.9	29.6	463	150	58	57	27	6,606	26.7	13.2	6,005	332	141	106	22
	NMV	487	82.9	45.1	279	114	52	28	14	3,449	31.7	14.1	3,017	211	124	92	5
Richmond	MV	1,092	221.4	130.5	430	81	155	193	233	4,526	29.0	15.7	4,071	206	157	86	6
	NMV	741	310.1	261.0	191	34	37	204	275	2,174	26.1	16.0	1,974	159	21	18	2
Stanly	MV	541	50.0	26.3	439	62	17	13	10	5,625	33.1	15.0	4,923	362	213	93	34
	NMV	288	86.4	25.5	225	17	11	17	18	2,177	37.7	14.9	1,950	105	38	42	42
Union	MV	857	125.3	32.7	534	59	20	112	132	6,031	25.1	14.1	5,450	440	114	22	5
	NMV	504	121.5	27.6	322	41	13	32	96	3,451	23.4	13.6	3,261	137	21	22	10
District Totals	MV	3,662	129.6	39.3	2,140	425	261	403	433	26,691	28.6	15.0	23,925	1,620	715	341	90
	NMV	2,186	168.3	51.0	1,151	216	123	288	408	12,647	29.3	15.6	11,461	717	222	187	60
District 21																	
Forsyth	MV	4,894	157.3	46.3	2,648	410	294	692	850	36,075	33.3	17.9	34,092	873	174	197	739
	NMV	2,209	216.4	77.3	1,021	213	148	252	575	12,115	30.5	16.6	11,046	712	159	130	68

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 22																	
Alexander	MV	182	76.5	41.1	107	24	35	15	1	2,030	32.3	20.6	1,840	128	27	30	5
	NMV	122	56.6	18.6	87	14	13	6	2	914	33.9	19.0	832	41	18	14	9
Davidson	MV	1,304	58.2	25.5	982	151	37	126	8	10,412	31.4	18.2	9,100	822	313	173	4
	NMV	885	58.4	20.5	681	105	17	60	22	5,509	37.4	21.3	4,555	645	205	92	12
Davie	MV	534	59.3	20.3	402	58	23	50	1	4,380	46.8	26.9	3,743	351	78	110	98
	NMV	96	90.9	33.5	65	17	9	3	2	947	47.3	25.9	766	116	29	21	15
Iredell	MV	1,344	37.9	20.6	1,084	165	77	12	6	11,399	30.1	20.9	10,087	950	301	57	4
	NMV	628	54.4	23.8	458	70	70	25	5	4,886	30.2	20.1	4,355	399	74	49	9
District Totals	MV	3,364	51.3	21.4	2,575	398	172	203	16	28,221	33.3	21.6	24,770	2,251	719	370	111
	NMV	1,731	58.6	21.2	1,291	206	109	94	31	12,256	35.0	21.6	10,508	1,201	326	176	45
District 23																	
Alleghany	MV	48	32.9	27.5	40	8	0	0	0	682	22.2	14.4	626	47	7	2	0
	NMV	40	19.4	19.5	39	1	0	0	0	349	25.3	14.4	329	12	2	5	1
Ashe	MV	172	45.4	27.6	135	24	2	11	0	1,853	28.8	19.8	1,664	142	28	17	2
	NMV	63	43.4	20.2	50	9	1	2	1	862	29.8	16.7	826	16	0	8	12
Wilkes	MV	887	76.3	36.7	580	105	85	95	22	6,378	37.9	18.8	5,407	623	132	136	80
	NMV	356	84.8	31.7	211	66	33	26	20	2,970	39.2	13.1	2,705	117	22	48	78
Yadkin	MV	385	38.5	20.7	308	53	14	8	2	3,093	27.2	14.2	2,742	213	93	42	3
	NMV	120	59.3	13.6	98	6	3	7	6	964	21.5	13.5	895	50	13	6	0
District Totals	MV	1,492	61.6	25.4	1,063	190	101	114	24	12,006	32.8	20.0	10,439	1,025	260	197	85
	NMV	579	70.5	25.0	398	82	37	35	27	5,145	33.4	14.0	4,755	195	37	67	91
District 24																	
Avery	MV	203	81.3	47.5	117	28	44	9	5	1,961	46.1	25.6	1,652	131	56	109	13
	NMV	95	101.9	32.5	61	12	1	13	8	445	58.0	25.6	346	39	24	27	9
Madison	MV	234	62.3	40.5	143	64	18	7	2	1,950	42.2	23.2	1,565	179	178	20	8
	NMV	86	131.5	47.1	49	15	8	8	6	332	68.1	33.0	223	53	37	12	7
Mitchell	MV	113	84.8	30.8	75	11	16	6	5	1,323	35.2	20.5	1,177	82	23	33	8
	NMV	58	112.6	28.5	35	8	6	3	6	360	38.9	25.8	298	44	8	8	2
Watauga	MV	385	75.2	29.4	263	65	21	24	12	3,536	40.3	21.6	3,002	262	149	98	25
	NMV	125	110.7	44.0	71	25	7	11	11	1,125	42.7	22.8	950	105	16	34	20
Yancey	MV	130	83.1	38.0	77	27	16	5	5	1,577	31.5	18.8	1,438	44	42	53	0
	NMV	117	72.5	21.2	85	16	1	5	10	528	22.0	13.8	505	12	3	7	1
District Totals	MV	1,065	75.5	33.0	675	195	115	51	29	10,347	39.8	18.6	8,834	698	448	313	54
	NMV	481	103.6	32.7	301	76	23	40	41	2,790	43.8	22.6	2,322	253	88	88	39

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 25		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
Burke	MV	1,212	44.3	27.5	955	183	36	29	9	9,644	35.3	19.0	8,291	908	262	110	73
	NMV	390	57.8	20.9	298	45	5	33	9	2,898	31.1	16.0	2,609	203	38	31	17
Caldwell	MV	826	51.2	20.8	571	165	68	15	7	6,554	29.3	18.1	5,762	542	215	32	3
	NMV	476	66.4	32.6	290	82	89	12	3	3,258	36.0	18.6	2,815	298	61	41	43
Catawba	MV	1,608	44.0	21.1	1,225	268	68	44	3	12,660	33.5	19.9	11,019	993	442	180	26
	NMV	597	72.4	29.7	408	76	49	53	11	6,651	32.0	16.1	5,768	583	148	129	23
District Totals	MV	3,646	45.7	23.8	2,751	616	172	88	19	28,858	33.1	20.6	25,072	2,443	919	322	102
	NMV	1,463	66.6	27.8	996	203	143	98	23	12,807	32.8	17.0	11,192	1,084	247	201	83
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	MV	10,456	179.7	45.9	5,994	1,291	1,257	471	1,443	56,337	40.4	22.6	48,184	4,843	1,757	1,142	411
	NMV	5,848	479.0	166.3	2,242	420	324	475	2,387	18,129	48.1	24.8	15,149	2,213	345	238	184
District 27A																	
Gaston	MV	1,846	69.4	28.3	1,321	309	100	66	50	15,238	39.3	21.8	12,627	1,527	855	175	54
	NMV	1,446	76.6	26.3	1,065	162	75	81	63	11,094	47.6	23.0	9,185	1,225	269	256	159
District 27B																	
Cleveland	MV	965	49.2	28.3	671	212	62	16	4	8,367	42.9	24.0	6,532	1,071	549	194	21
	NMV	577	51.8	28.1	432	96	30	8	11	4,626	43.9	22.7	3,668	651	163	102	42
Lincoln	MV	579	59.6	28.2	440	66	29	33	11	4,318	32.7	20.0	3,801	309	96	104	8
	NMV	276	66.6	21.0	203	35	8	19	11	2,461	35.0	21.6	2,136	245	24	42	14
District Totals	MV	1,544	53.1	28.3	1,111	278	91	49	15	12,685	39.4	22.6	10,333	1,380	645	298	29
	NMV	853	56.6	27.5	635	131	38	27	22	7,087	40.8	22.6	5,804	896	187	144	56
District 28																	
Buncombe	MV	1,589	66.9	27.9	1,064	249	111	149	16	14,852	29.6	14.9	13,565	471	339	388	89
	NMV	1,171	75.1	25.2	768	155	104	121	23	11,775	29.9	16.2	10,892	436	178	166	103
District 29																	
Henderson	MV	1,154	61.2	31.9	781	202	84	77	10	6,219	51.4	28.0	4,665	638	655	237	24
	NMV	425	59.6	31.2	303	64	36	18	4	3,163	48.6	23.7	2,376	472	156	128	31
McDowell	MV	720	104.9	40.6	438	98	65	37	82	4,853	37.2	22.9	4,145	372	200	126	10
	NMV	319	101.2	31.7	182	44	48	25	20	1,315	30.3	17.1	1,185	95	12	16	7
Polk	MV	272	76.3	51.0	155	62	26	24	5	1,710	48.4	20.4	1,326	106	172	101	5
	NMV	99	87.4	38.1	67	19	1	10	2	749	39.8	16.0	598	60	80	11	0
Rutherford	MV	388	60.3	27.7	282	65	21	11	9	3,204	40.9	20.1	2,679	282	168	46	29
	NMV	339	145.7	38.7	191	35	44	34	35	2,522	38.2	15.4	2,201	215	54	25	27
Transylvania	MV	248	62.9	32.9	163	38	34	12	1	2,061	52.8	26.6	1,624	204	93	108	32
	NMV	125	79.6	37.0	72	34	8	7	4	1,124	51.3	22.6	845	149	81	32	17
District Totals	MV	2,782	74.0	32.3	1,819	465	230	161	107	18,047	45.6	24.6	14,439	1,602	1,288	618	100
	NMV	1,307	96.1	33.0	815	196	137	94	65	8,873	42.5	19.0	7,205	991	383	212	82

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 30		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
Cherokee	MV	274	44.0	26.5	227	31	9	4	3	2,408	34.1	20.0	2,000	275	96	30	7
	NMV	145	80.2	27.4	98	25	12	2	8	696	59.2	33.8	519	93	40	25	19
Clay	MV	99	58.5	29.7	78	16	1	0	4	637	36.6	17.7	562	34	15	17	9
	NMV	30	82.1	32.5	25	1	2	0	2	266	36.3	14.5	233	11	7	12	3
Graham	MV	79	64.8	25.6	58	8	7	5	1	523	68.6	20.8	439	30	8	10	36
	NMV	48	29.0	13.7	44	2	0	2	0	338	50.7	16.5	289	25	0	9	15
Haywood	MV	712	109.0	31.8	476	125	23	24	64	5,882	32.7	6.3	4,783	699	312	48	40
	NMV	780	258.0	131.8	285	89	66	118	222	2,171	80.8	27.0	1,623	165	70	190	123
Jackson	MV	282	84.6	51.5	153	50	56	18	5	3,700	30.3	7.3	3,271	201	103	81	44
	NMV	141	85.4	24.7	88	21	14	12	6	734	47.7	20.4	565	94	32	31	12
Macon	MV	208	156.1	30.1	126	33	11	12	26	2,787	19.4	2.8	2,612	82	35	50	8
	NMV	234	424.5	257.5	65	22	20	29	98	794	35.2	15.9	712	45	14	13	10
Swain	MV	179	66.8	24.4	128	22	16	6	7	1,523	38.2	20.7	1,359	77	33	35	19
	NMV	98	98.2	69.5	47	19	19	9	4	550	50.3	21.2	473	24	15	22	16
District Totals	MV	1,833	92.1	31.6	1,246	285	123	69	110	17,460	32.0	8.6	15,026	1,398	602	271	163
	NMV	1,476	228.8	89.5	652	179	133	172	340	5,549	60.2	23.6	4,414	457	178	302	198
STATE TOTALS	MV	100,702	91.2	30.0	68,704	14,239	6,488	4,981	6,290	757,038	36.7	21.0	646,027	66,394	27,076	13,507	4,034
	NMV	53,198	148.7	38.4	32,162	7,268	3,831	3,736	6,201	353,487	40.6	20.0	298,409	34,793	8,941	7,104	4,240

RANKINGS FOR THE 33 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED

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Judicial Division	Judicial District	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court		
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal	
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
I	1	2	4	4	29	25	14	3	2
	2	22	18	16	23	33	2	2	1
	3	16	9	15	7	7	24	24	18
	4	10	5	23	9	17	20	22	11
	5	32	7	19	26	14	31	21	27
	6	13	32	27	16	27	5	7	6
	7	19	27	28	13	28	10	30	24
	8	17	15	17	10	10	18	19	21
II	9	33	31	33	21	21	15	17	19
	10	4	16	11	31	22	32	10	25
	11	28	26	20	18	20	30	11	5
	12	24	20	6	1	3	7	27	23
	13	23	25	31	12	32	27	28	12
	14	26	6	8	25	16	11	29	17
	15A	11	17	22	3	8	1	8	3
	15B	18	1	12	22	11	25	1	14
	16	3	24	25	5	24	9	9	20
III	17	14	19	9	14	19	12	12	10
	18	31	30	29	20	4	22	33	31
	19A	5	12	18	11	5	21	25	15
	19B	1	14	10	8	12	4	13	8
	20	27	2	5	33	29	17	26	28
	21	25	11	1	19	1	6	23	30
	22	8	3	14	6	6	8	14	22
	23	20	28	30	4	9	13	18	7
IV	24	9	33	26	27	31	28	4	29
	25	12	13	13	28	23	26	20	9
	26	30	22	2	17	18	33	32	33
	27A	21	10	7	30	15	29	15	16
	27B	7	8	21	2	2	3	16	13
	28	6	21	3	24	26	16	6	4
	29	15	23	24	15	13	23	31	26
	30	29	29	32	32	30	19	5	32

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED

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		Superior Court					District Court		
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal	
District	County		Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
1	Camden	41	1	59	1	46	6	75	39
	Chowan	59	4	6	79	97	47	11	36
	Currituck	11	64	9	81	77	84	38	37
	Dare	9	2	21	98	44	78	15	64
	Gates	1	32	7	77	91	4	9	1
	Pasquotank	7	25	22	30	29	46	18	7
	Perquimans	5	70	10	85	74	15	27	6
2	Beaufort	29	56	33	62	99	9	14	12
	Hyde	92	41	60	3	76	43	78	2
	Martin	33	20	66	88	53	20	16	8
	Tyrrell	13	31	3	45	61	29	72	5
	Washington	85	76	78	73	24	34	24	3
3	Carteret	42	36	53	44	27	76	94	86
	Craven	58	47	41	41	43	68	70	49
	Pamlico	44	14	50	6	57	57	1	4
	Pitt	40	29	43	25	7	61	58	40
4	Duplin	43	57	88	26	79	17	84	42
	Jones	97	3	62	4	81	31	32	43
	Onslow	34	22	14	60	37	86	65	27
	Sampson	8	10	31	29	25	48	66	53
5	New Hanover	86	16	47	76	35	99	57	84
	Pender	99	80	84	48	62	91	85	52
6	Bertie	32	65	77	33	18	1	8	17
	Halifax	65	89	95	65	78	44	82	34
	Hertford	12	91	26	37	73	35	10	25
	Northampton	27	86	54	61	65	13	6	14
7	Edgecombe	18	69	71	28	55	26	77	24
	Nash	78	49	68	54	96	28	96	79
	Wilson	37	77	76	50	51	65	74	87
8	Greene	48	38	57	8	60	19	91	81
	Lenoir	68	30	36	10	39	23	42	59
	Wayne	25	52	58	68	28	73	67	74
9	Franklin	76	92	96	80	68	16	63	78
	Granville	87	81	73	20	15	7	20	11
	Person	79	85	90	82	82	22	23	22
	Vance	95	82	89	57	47	82	86	85
	Warren	100	99	72	51	92	89	88	80
10	Wake	22	44	35	86	56	98	44	75
11	Harnett	74	23	51	27	84	90	33	16
	Johnston	83	54	49	46	12	88	69	68
	Lee	81	98	67	87	87	92	2	10
12	Cumberland	60	58	17	16	8	38	76	72
	Hoke	77	46	46	7	22	2	34	35
13	Bladen	64	74	85	24	32	56	93	67
	Brunswick	51	71	79	40	90	95	95	70
	Columbus	63	48	87	52	88	72	31	13
14	Durham	69	21	28	71	45	42	81	55
15A	Alamance	31	50	56	15	26	10	35	19
15B	Chatham	15	13	55	34	48	5	3	26
	Orange	66	19	27	70	33	94	25	51
16	Robeson	10	28	38	17	50	36	46	73
	Scotland	71	97	94	49	94	45	21	47

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		Superior Court					District Court		
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal	
District	County		Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
17	Caswell	96	33	25	74	89	41	28	48
	Rockingham	21	72	30	38	71	33	36	23
	Stokes	17	18	39	21	36	21	47	63
	Surry	52	34	32	53	16	53	68	44
18	Guilford	89	84	74	59	9	64	99	95
19A	Cabarrus	45	61	52	39	31	83	90	29
	Rowan	14	27	48	43	6	30	40	66
19B	Montgomery	16	6	8	58	64	75	39	65
	Randolph	6	67	42	23	30	3	52	18
20	Anson	73	8	20	96	93	37	29	38
	Moore	93	11	4	78	23	40	43	69
	Richmond	84	26	34	94	98	69	100	99
	Stanly	75	24	29	97	75	59	22	57
	Union	49	43	11	69	52	49	80	77
21	Forsyth	62	37	12	56	3	25	73	89
22	Alexander	55	40	19	9	63	85	17	58
	Davidson	61	55	70	42	11	12	62	82
	Davie	4	7	5	5	10	74	54	21
	Iredell	19	9	18	31	17	32	48	50
23	Alleghany	70	45	75	18	5	8	4	33
	Ashe	98	78	44	11	13	52	19	9
	Wilkes	36	73	92	36	38	62	79	41
	Yadkin	3	96	64	13	19	18	59	46
24	Avery	2	87	82	64	54	71	26	92
	Madison	47	100	65	2	83	39	51	96
	Mitchell	50	51	2	100	100	63	13	83
	Watauga	20	90	23	89	42	93	37	28
	Yancey	88	95	98	66	34	70	12	93
25	Burke	54	15	37	75	14	87	60	60
	Caldwell	30	39	45	72	86	67	61	76
	Catawba	23	53	40	83	70	66	64	15
26	Mecklenburg	80	60	13	55	49	100	97	98
27A	Gaston	53	35	24	84	41	79	55	54
27B	Cleveland	26	62	80	12	4	24	45	45
	Lincoln	35	5	1	14	1	11	71	30
28	Buncombe	24	59	16	67	67	51	30	20
29	Henderson	39	12	15	22	2	80	98	61
	McDowell	46	63	63	35	66	54	83	94
	Polk	82	94	83	32	20	55	92	56
	Rutherford	38	42	61	47	72	50	56	62
	Transylvania	56	93	91	90	85	77	53	31
30	Cherokee	90	75	86	95	21	96	41	91
	Clay	57	17	69	19	58	27	89	32
	Graham	67	66	97	92	40	58	87	71
	Haywood	72	88	81	63	69	14	50	100
	Jackson	94	79	93	99	80	60	7	90
	Macon	28	83	100	93	95	81	5	97
	Swain	91	68	99	91	59	97	49	88

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The Honorable Joseph Branch, *Chief Justice*
The Supreme Court of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Fifteenth ***Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts***, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Information Services Division. The principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.

Without the responsible work of many persons across the State, this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr.
Director

May, 1982

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PART I

THE 1980-1981 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

THE 1980-81 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1980 and ended June 30, 1981.

The Workload of the Courts

During 1980-81 the workload of the appellate courts closely paralleled that of the previous year. As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, case filings in the Supreme Court totalled 228, a decrease of 15 cases below the 243 filed during 1979-80. A total of 612 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 617 in 1979-80; and 73 petitions were allowed compared with 72 in 1979-80.

In the Court of Appeals, case filings increased slightly, from 1,204 in 1979-80 to 1,222 in 1980-81. The number of petitions filed decreased slightly, from 532 in 1979-80 to 508 in 1980-81. (Case data is reported from the Court of Appeals on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year basis.)

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II of this *Annual Report*.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) increased by 10%, to a total of 82,441 in 1980-81, compared with 74,899 cases in 1979-80. Superior court case dispositions also increased, to a total of 80,303, compared with 72,983 in 1979-80. As case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 2,128, or 6.7%. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*; detailed information on the caseloads in the 100 counties and 33 judicial districts is presented in Part IV.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1980-81 was 1,520,826 cases, an increase of 62,179 (4.3%) over the 1979-80 filings of 1,458,647 cases. Much of this increase was in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category, which had 365,516 filings in 1979-80 compared with 402,900 filings in 1980-81, an increase of 10.3%. In addition, there was a 9.1% increase in civil case filings, from a total of 315,876 cases in 1979-80 to 344,483 cases in 1980-81. On the other hand, there was a decrease in motor vehicle criminal case filings, about one-half of one per cent, from 777,264 cases in 1979-80 to 773,443 cases in 1980-81.

For the third year in a row, total filings of traffic cases have been lower than in the previous year. One may speculate that these reduced numbers are related to changes in driving habits. It seems likely that gasoline prices are prompting motorists to drive less, and at lower speeds. Also, traffic violations can result in a significant increase in motor vehicle liability insurance premiums, providing a further financial incentive not to violate the traffic laws.

Notwithstanding the recent trend of some overall annual decrease in case filings in the largest volume category of district court cases (traffic violations), that cannot be translated into a decreasing need for court resources. As a category, civil cases are far more likely to go to trial than are the motor vehicle criminal cases; and civil cases are still showing a significant trend increase—9.1% in 1980-81 over 1979-80.

As stated in previous annual reports, in terms of future demand for court resources, there is no obvious balance between a decrease in traffic case filings and an increase in civil case filings or an increase in filings of non-motor vehicle criminal cases. Annual increases in case filings in the latter two categories, even with the experienced decreases in traffic cases, add to the net workload of the courts.

1981 Legislative Highlights

Constitutional Amendments

Two amendments to the judiciary article of the State Constitution were approved by the General Assembly, for submission to the voters in 1982.

One amendment, sponsored by the Courts Commission, will allow recall of justices or judges of the ***appellate division***, for temporary service on the court or courts of the division from which the justice or judge was retired. This would permit a retired Supreme Court Justice to serve temporarily on either the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court; and permit a retired Court of Appeals Judge to serve temporarily on either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. Under present constitutional language, a retired justice or judge may be recalled for temporary service only to the court from which retired.

The other proposed amendment affecting the courts would authorize the General Assembly to permit appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court, bypassing the Court of Appeals. As presently worded, Article IV, Section 12(1) allows the Supreme Court to hear only appeals from decisions of "the courts below". As the Utilities Commission is not a "court" within the meaning of the Constitution, appeals from its decisions must go first to a lower court before final appeal to the Supreme Court. This amendment was also sponsored by the Courts Commission which found that rate-making cases appealed from the Utilities Commission almost always are taken to the Supreme Court; the Commission felt that the Court of Appeals intermediate review could be eliminated.

If approved by the voters in 1982, these amendments will take effect on January 1, 1983.

THE 1980-81 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

New Districts

The 17th judicial district was divided into District 17A (Caswell and Rockingham Counties) and 17B (Stokes and Surry Counties), effective September 1, 1981. Prosecutorial District 3 was divided into District 3A (Pitt County) and District 3B (Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties), effective October 1, 1981.

Additional Judgeships and Other Personnel

An additional resident superior court judgeship was authorized for the 21st District (Forsyth County) and for the newly created District 17A (Caswell and Rockingham Counties). Six more district court judgeships were authorized: two for the 10th District (Wake County), one each for District 15B (Orange and Chatham Counties), District 20 (Union, Anson, Richmond, Moore and Stanly Counties), District 24 (Madison, Avery, Mitchell, Yancy, and Watauga Counties), and District 26 (Mecklenburg County). Districts 4, 7, 9, 10, 13, 19A, 21 and 30 were each authorized one additional assistant district attorney position; and Districts 1 and 8 were each authorized two additional assistant district attorney positions. Various counties were authorized additional deputy clerk and magistrate positions.

Appellate Public Defender Office

A state-funded Office of Appellate Public Defender is now authorized by Article 38, G.S. Ch. 7A. The Governor appoints a licensed attorney to this position for a term of four years, who in turn appoints his own assistants. The Appellate Public Defender is subject to the general supervision of the Chief Justice. (An appellate public defender office was placed in operation in 1980 under a one-year federal grant.)

Deferred Prosecution

Chapter 377 of the 1981 Session Laws authorizes deferred prosecution of defendants charged with offenses that are punishable by not more than 10 years imprisonment: if the district attorney and the defendant agree; if the court finds that the victim of the crime has been notified and given opportunity to be heard; and if the defendant has not been previously convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. The court must also find that the defendant is not likely to commit another offense punishable by a term of imprisonment greater than 30 days. On such findings the defendant becomes entitled to a two-year pretrial probation. If the defendant complies with all terms of the pretrial probation, the charges are then dismissed.

Service of Subpoena By Telephone

Chapter 278 of the 1981 Session Laws amended G.S. 8-59, effective April 27, 1981, to authorize law enforcement officers to serve witness subpoenas by telephone in criminal cases. However, the witness so subpoenaed may not be arrested or ordered to show cause for failure to obey the subpoena until he has been served with a written subpoena.

Magistrate Jurisdictional Amount

The maximum amount for a small claims case before a magistrate was increased from $800 to $1,000, effective October 1, 1981. The jurisdictional amount in a worthless check criminal case was increased from $400 to $500 (magistrate authorized to accept waiver of trial and entry of guilty plea).

Post Conviction Review

Statutes providing for post conviction review were amended to prohibit review beyond the Court of Appeals, thus returning to the situation that existed prior to 1977. This change is expected to relieve the Supreme Court of a sizeable number of such motions and to expedite a petitioner's access to federal courts for collateral review.

Recall of Retired Justices and Judges

Statutes were amended to authorize recall of retired justices and judges who have reached mandatory retirement age of 72 (appellate justices and judges) and age 70 (trial court judges). Temporary recall would be made by the chief justice for justices and trial judges, and by the chief judge of the Court of Appeals for judges of that court. The one being recalled to temporary service must consent and the chief justice or the chief judge must find, before issuing the recall order, that the retiree is capable of performing the duties efficiently and promptly. The compensation for a recalled retired justice or judge, in addition to retirement pay, was increased from $100 a week to $75 a day.

North Carolina Courts Commission

The applicable statutes were amended so as to increase the membership of this Commission from 15 to 23, resulting in representation on the Commission by trial judges and district attorneys, along with expanding the already existent legislative representation.

THE 1980-81 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Appropriations for Judicial Department

The total appropriation for the Judicial Department for the 1981-82 fiscal year was $87,882,000, a 7.8% increase over appropriations for 1981-82. The appropriation for the 82-83 fiscal year was set at $90,322,000, but this latter appropriation figure is subject to revision at the 1982 legislative "budget" session.

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- **Historical Development of Court System**
- **Present Court System**
- **Organization and Operations in 1980-81**

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature," which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactments were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court or Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime." The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 24 solicitorial districts. The 40 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a $50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th Century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier

General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th Century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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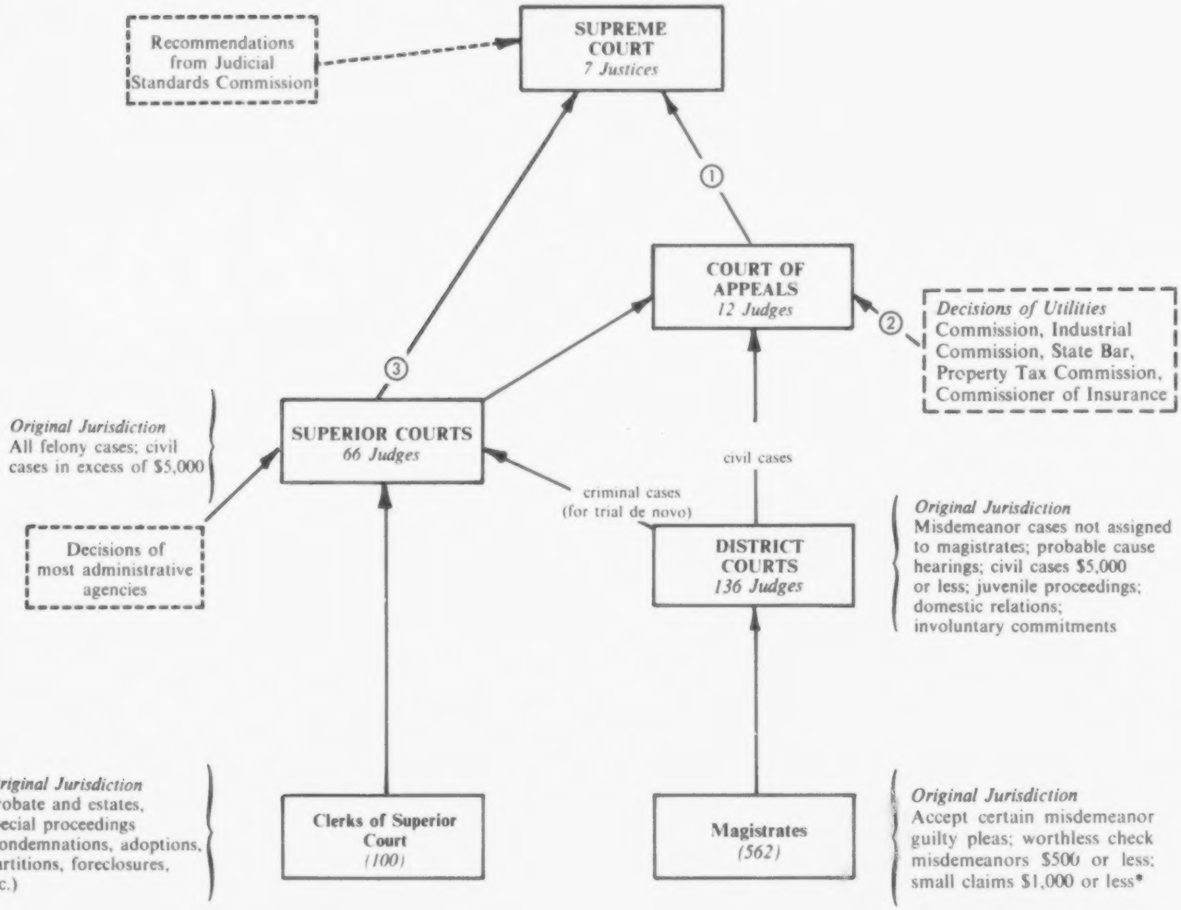
THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal


SUPREME COURT
7 Justices
Recommendations from Judicial Standards Commission
①
COURT OF APPEALS
12 Judges
②
Decisions of Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, State Bar, Property Tax Commission, Commissioner of Insurance
③
SUPERIOR COURTS
66 Judges
Original Jurisdiction
All felony cases; civil cases in excess of $5,000
Decisions of most administrative agencies
civil cases
criminal cases (for trial de novo)
DISTRICT COURTS
136 Judges
Original Jurisdiction
Misdemeanor cases not assigned to magistrates; probable cause hearings; civil cases $5,000 or less; juvenile proceedings; domestic relations; involuntary commitments
Original Jurisdiction
Probate and estates, special proceedings (condemnations, adoptions, partitions, foreclosures, etc.)
Clerks of Superior Court
(100)
Magistrates
(562)
Original Jurisdiction
Accept certain misdemeanor guilty pleas; worthless check misdemeanors $500 or less; small claims $1,000 or less*

(1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.

(2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.

(3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

***Note**: Worthless check maximum amounts increased from $400 to $500 effective September 1, 1981; small claims maximum amount increased from $800 to $1,000 effective September 1, 1981.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (33 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are coterminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and general civil cases where the amount in litigation is $5,000 or less. If the amount in litigation is $800* or less and the plantiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount of litigation is more than $5,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice" (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

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* Increased to $1,000 effective October 1, 1981 (G.S. 7A-210).

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

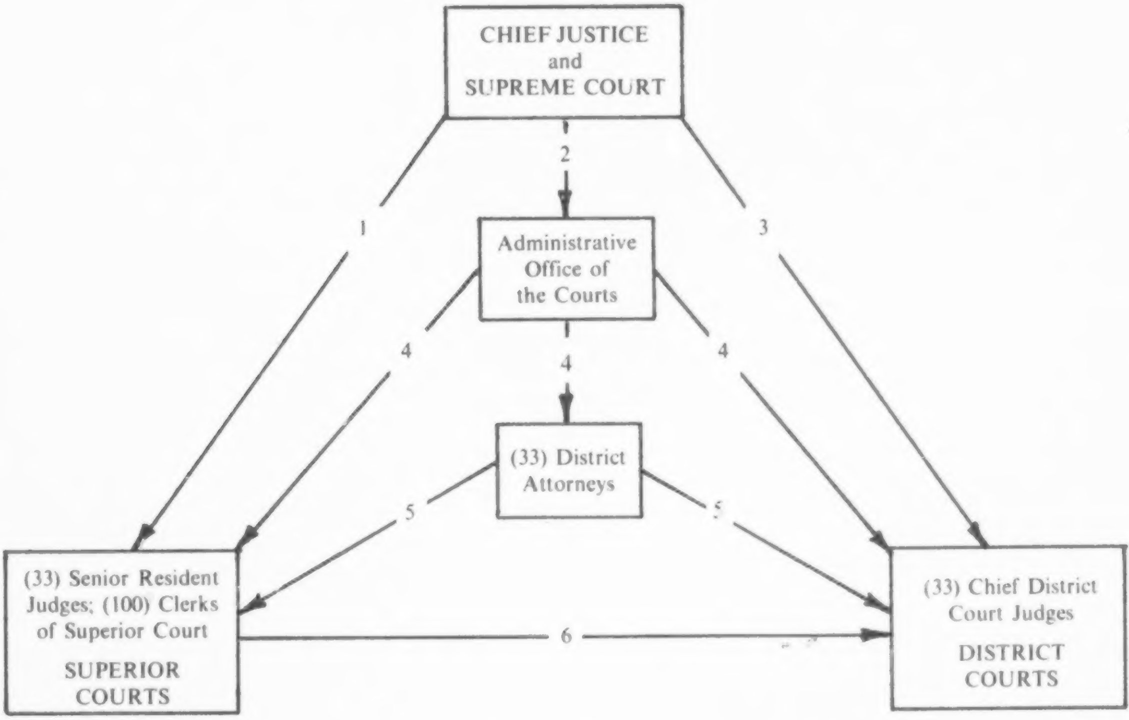
The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for each of the State's 33 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have special responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, as well as general local-level administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of the non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel direction, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provision of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Until 1980, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees were eliminated; day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is now done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts


CHIEF JUSTICE and SUPREME COURT
2
1
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Administrative Office of the Courts
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(33) District Attorneys
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(33) Senior Resident Judges; (100) Clerks of Superior Court
SUPERIOR COURTS
6
(33) Chief District Court Judges
DISTRICT COURTS

[1] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

[2] The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

[3] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 33 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

[4] The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

[5] The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

[6] In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

***Note:** Effective September 1, 1981, District 17 was divided into Districts 17A and 17B, resulting in a total of 34 judicial districts.

THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Justice
JOSEPH BRANCH

Associate Justices
J. FRANK HUSKINS
J. WILLIAM COPELAND
JAMES G. EXUM, JR.
DAVID M. BRITT
J. PHIL CARLTON
LOUIS B. MEYER

Retired Chief Justices
WILLIAM H. BOBBITT
SUSIE SHARP

Retired Justices
J. WILL PLESS, JR.
I. BEVERLY LAKE
DAN K. MOORE
WALTER E. BROCK

Clerk
John R. Morgan

Librarian
Frances H. Hall

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* As of 30 June 1981.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Supreme Court

At the apex of the General Court of Justice is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases appealed from the lower courts. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by popular vote. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court sits only *en banc*.

Jurisdiction

The only original jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is over the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (Utilities Commission general rate-setting cases, cases involving substantial constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment);
- civil cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population); and
- cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause substantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. Most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice for the Appellate Division and supplementary rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions consistent with the rules prescribed by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved, yearly, by the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at his pleasure. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the judges in each of the State's 33 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice (or another member of the Supreme Court designated by him) is the chairman of the Judicial Council, and two superior court judges, one district court judge and two district attorneys are appointed to two-year terms on the Council by the Chief Justice. He also appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission — a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

Operations of the Court, 1980-81

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1980-81 fiscal year amounted to $1,308,014, an increase of 10.3 percent over total 1979-80 expenditures of $1,185,967. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1980-81 constituted 1.6% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

A total of 231 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the Fall 1980 and Spring 1981 terms. A total of 178 cases were decided (with published opinions). The remainder were either withdrawn by the appellants, dismissed, or were still pending in the Court at the end of the Spring 1980 term. A detailed breakdown of this caseload is included in the tables on the following page.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Supreme Court Caseload Inventory
September 2, 1980 — August 31, 1981

Cases undecided and brought forward from Spring 1980 term	3
Cases filed during Fall 1980 term	151
Cases filed during Spring 1981 term	77
Caseload for 1980-81 year	**231**
Cases withdrawn or dismissed	17
Cases decided during Fall 1980 term	84
Cases decided during Spring 1981 term	94
Cases carried forward to Fall 1981 term	36

Manner of Disposition of Cases in the Supreme Court
September 2, 1980 — August 31, 1981

Requests to Appeal (Petitions)		
Allowed		73
Denied		539
Total		**612**
Appeals		
Opinions rendered		178
Affirmed	99	
Reversed	66	
Reversed and Remanded	1	
Remanded	11	
Other	1	
Dismissed/Withdrawn		17
Total		**195**

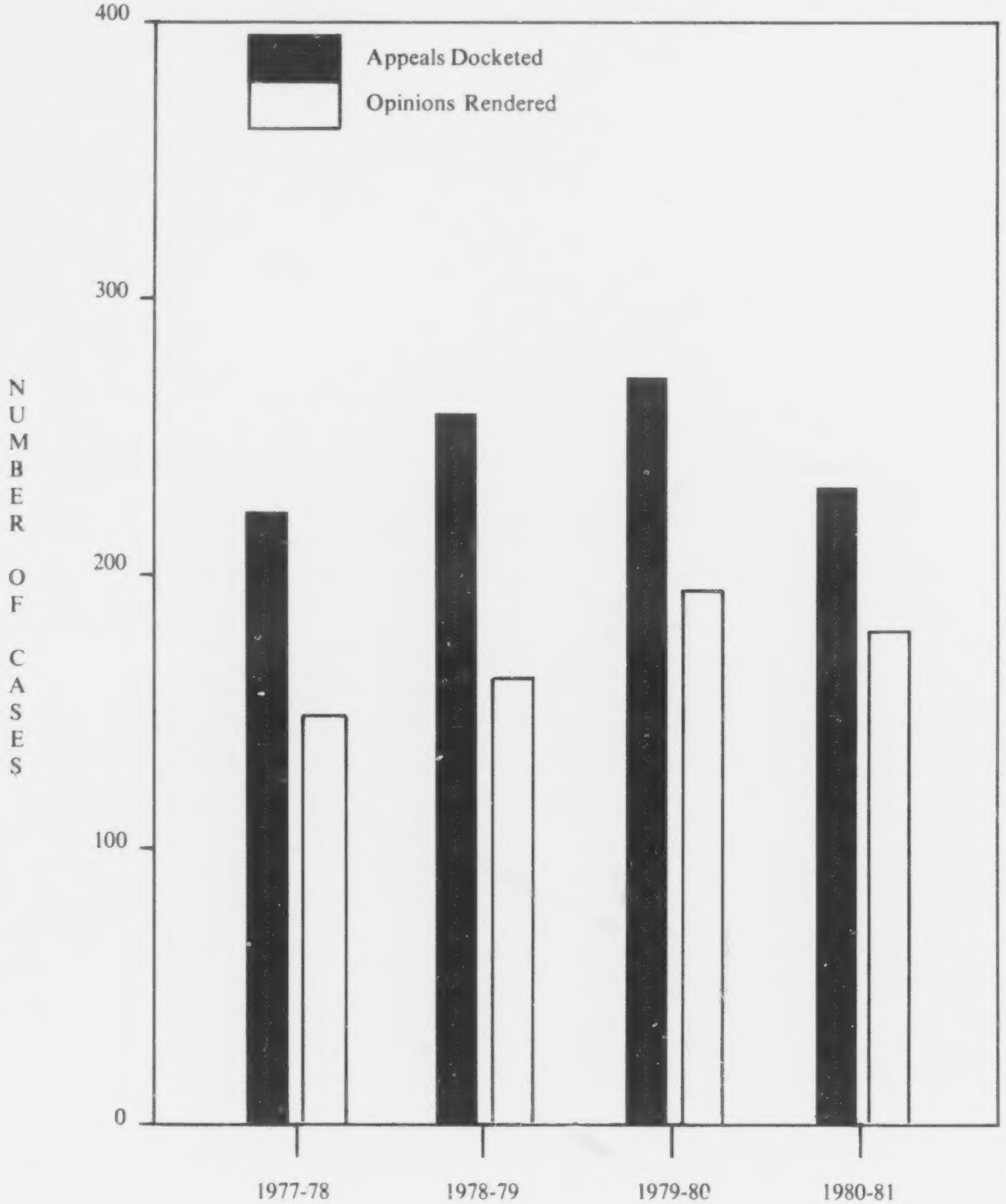
ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

CASES FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT
September 2, 1980—August 31, 1981

	No. Filed
Requests to Appeal (Petitions)	
Civil	
Discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals	199
Discretionay review prior to decision of Court of Appeals	11
Petitions for writ of certiorari	23
Criminal	
Discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals	114
Discretionary review prior to decision of Court of Appeals	1
Petitions for writ of certiorari	117
Postconviction Remedy	
Applications for further review	77
Petitions for writ of habeas corpus	10
Total Requests to Appeal	**552**
Appeals	
Civil (mandatory)	
Dissent in the Court of Appeals	30
Annexation	4
Appeal from Judicial Standards Commission	1
Requests to appeal granted that became civil appeals	
Substantial constitutional question	7
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Apeals, allowed	56
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	6
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	3
Appeal from Board of Law Examiners	1
On rehearing	1
Criminal (mandatory)	
Defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	67
Defendant sentenced to death	14
Dissent in the Court of Appeals	14
Remand from U.S. Supreme Court	2
Requests to appeal granted that became criminal appeals	
Substantial constitutional question	4
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	12
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	5
Interlocutory appeal	1
Total Appeal Cases	**228**
Total, Requests to Appeal and Appeal Cases	**780**
Other Workload	
Other relief sought under extraordinary writs article	60
Other motions considered	282
Total, Other Workload	**342**

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

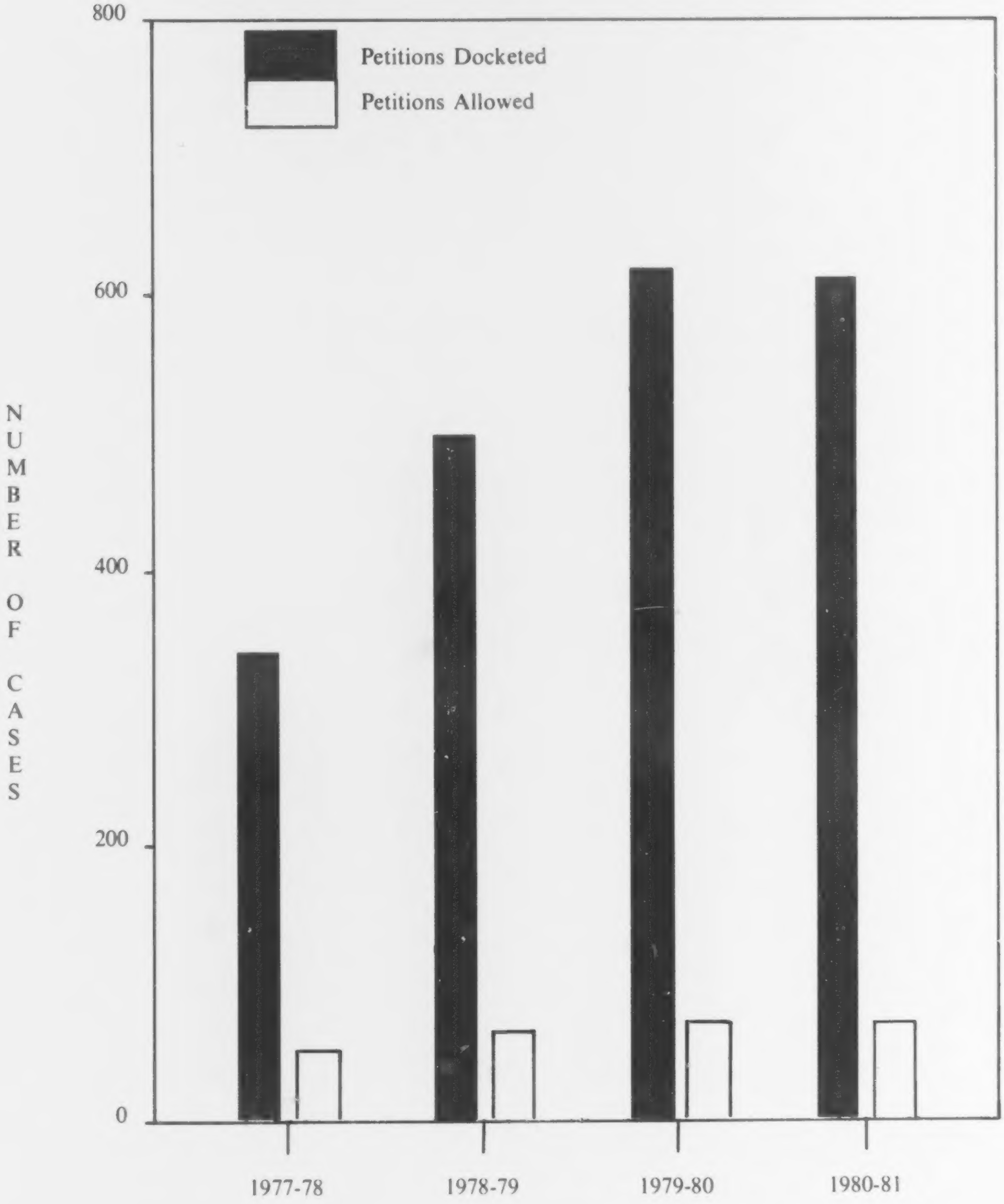
Appeals Docketed and Opinions Rendered in the Supreme Court



Appeals docketed during the 1980-81 year numbered 231 compared with 262 during the previous year. The number of opinions totalled 178 during 1980-81 compared with 193 during 1979-80.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Petitions Docketed and Allowed In the Supreme Court



Petitions (including extraordinary writs) filed during 1980-81 totalled 612 compared with 617 during the previous year. During 1980-81, 73 petitions were allowed and 539 were denied. Of the petitions allowed, 46 pertained to civil matters and 27 to criminal.

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Judge
NAOMI E. MORRIS

Judges

R. A. HEDRICK	HARRY C. MARTIN
EARL W. VAUGHN	HUGH A. WELLS
ROBERT M. MARTIN	CECIL J. HILL
EDWARD B. CLARK	WILLIS P. WHICHARD
GERALD ARNOLD	CHARLES L. BECTON
JOHN WEBB	

Retired Judges
HUGH B. CAMPBELL
FRANK M. PARKER

Clerk
FRANCIS E. DAIL

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* As of 30 June 1981.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Court of Appeals

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Justice responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

The Chief Judge (or another member of the Court of Appeals designated by the Chief Judge) is an *ex officio* member of the Judicial Council. One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from any final order or decision of the North Carolina Utilities Commission; the Industrial Commission; certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar and the Commissioner of Insurance; and appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

Expenses of the Court, 1980-81

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1980-81 fiscal year totalled $1,881,570, an increase of 14.6% over 1979-80 expenditures of $1,641,918. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1980-81 amounted to 2.3% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1979-80 fiscal year.

Case Data, Calendar Year 1980

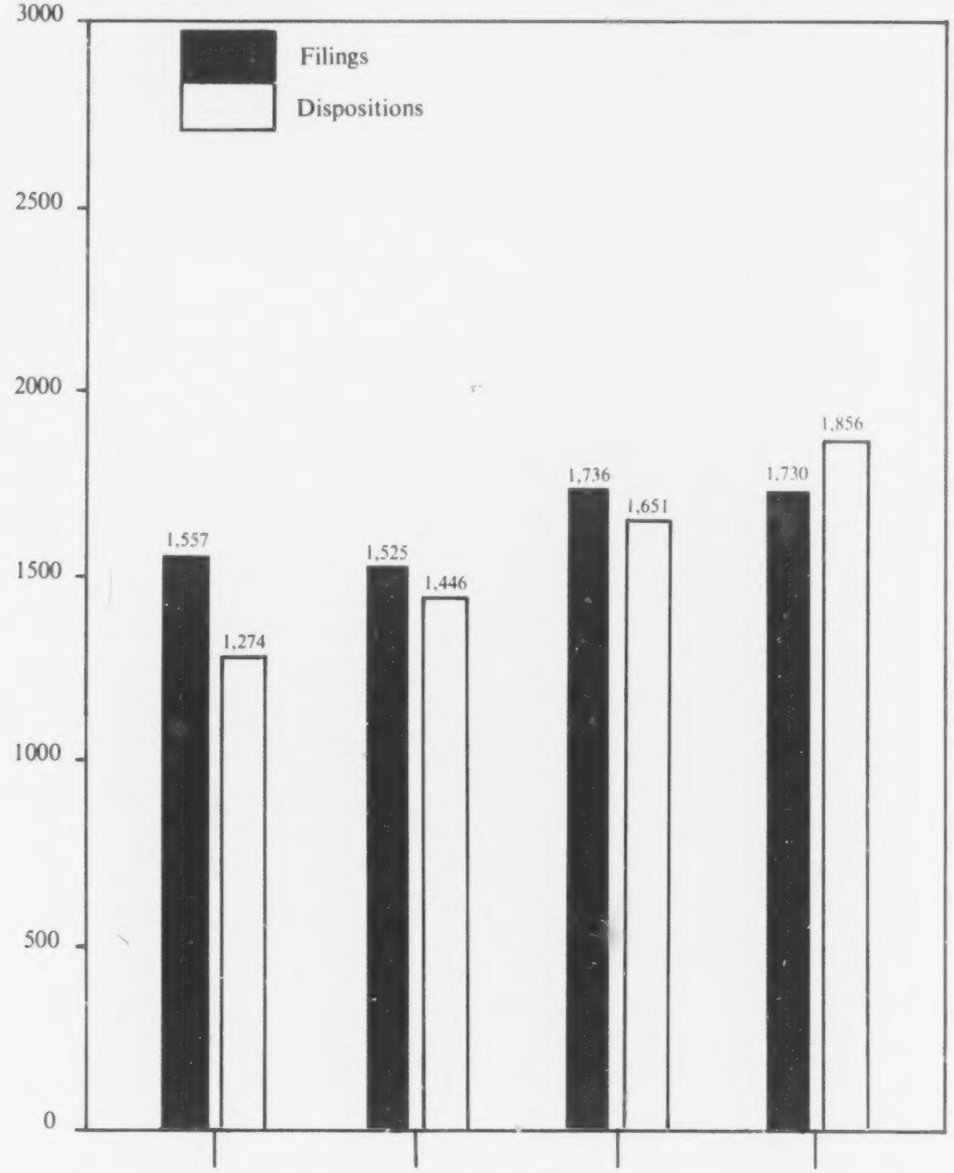
A total of 1,222 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during *calendar year* 1980. A total of 1,345 cases were disposed of during the same period. A detailed breakdown of this caseload is included in the tables on the following pages.

The Court of Appeals' workload for 1980 also included 508 petitions filed during the year; of these, requests for extraordinary remedies (prerogative writs) make up the vast majority.

The recent trend in filings and dispositions by the Court of Appeals is illustrated in the following graph. Dispositions exceed filings due to the fact that some cases and petitions were filed in 1979 and were disposed of during 1980.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Filings and Dispositions in the Court of Appeals
1977-1980



The filings and dispositions depicted in the above graph include appealed cases and petitions (not motions) in the Court of Appeals. Dispositions exceeded filings by 126, reflecting the fact that some cases on appeal and some petitions were filed in 1979 but were disposed of in 1980.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

January 1, 1980-December 31, 1980

	Filings	Dispositions
Cases on Appeal		
Civil cases appealed from district courts	258	
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	411	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	48	
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	505	
Total	**1,222**	**1,345**
Petitions		
Allowed		51
Denied		457
Remanded		3
Total	**508**	**511**
Motions		
Allowed		841
Denied		255
Total	**1,096**	**1,096**
Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions and Motions	**2,826**	**2,952***

* Dispositions included some cases and petitions filed in 1979 and disposed of during 1980.

INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1-December 31, 1980

		Cases Filed					
			Appeals from Superior Court				
Judicial Division	Judicial District	Appeals from District Courts	Civil	Criminal	Other Appeals	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
I	1	4	9	12	0	25	31
	2	3	4	19	0	26	27
	3	8	15	21	0	44	46
	4	6	9	24	0	39	40
	5	8	9	21	0	38	35
	6	5	6	8	0	19	22
	7	6	10	12	0	28	32
	8	7	10	21	0	38	51
II	9	2	10	12	0	24	24
	10	25	58	24	48	155	165
	11	8	8	10	0	26	28
	12	9	8	40	0	57	78
	13	2	3	13	0	18	15
	14	8	18	19	0	45	35
	15A/B*	14	11	18	0	43	45
	16	4	1	13	0	18	23
III	17	5	17	21	0	43	40
	18	18	24	21	0	63	72
	19A/B*	10	24	15	0	49	47
	20	8	14	23	0	45	46
	21	18	17	18	0	53	70
	22	5	16	7	0	28	27
	23	9	5	12	0	26	35
IV	24	2	5	2	0	9	13
	25	7	20	12	0	39	45
	26	23	38	40	0	101	120
	27A/B*	4	13	19	0	36	43
	28	13	16	8	0	37	42
	29	11	8	14	0	33	32
	30	6	5	6	0	17	16
TOTAL		**258**	**411**	**505**	**48**	**1,222**	**1,345**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

INVENTORY OF MOTIONS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1-December 31, 1980

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Motions Filed	Petitions Filed	Total Filed	Motions Disposed			Petitions Disposed			Motions & Petitions Disposed in Opinion	Total Disposed
					Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Allowed	Denied	Remanded		
I	1	15	9	24	10	5	0	0	9	0	1	25
	2	20	12	32	15	5	0	0	12	0	0	32
	3	44	11	55	29	15	0	0	11	0	2	57
	4	25	17	42	15	10	0	0	17	0	0	42
	5	59	16	75	50	9	0	0	16	1	0	76
	6	20	10	30	16	4	0	0	10	0	0	30
	7	30	18	48	26	4	0	2	16	0	0	48
	8	35	14	49	26	9	0	1	13	0	0	49
II	9	18	14	32	14	4	0	1	13	0	1	33
	10	174	64	238	137	37	0	10	54	0	1	239
	11	21	10	31	15	6	0	1	9	0	1	32
	12	66	23	89	45	21	0	1	22	0	0	89
	13	7	4	11	6	1	0	1	3	0	0	11
	14	31	23	54	24	7	0	1	22	1	1	56
	15A/B*	44	11	55	34	10	0	2	9	0	0	55
	16	14	9	23	10	4	0	1	8	0	0	23
III	17	43	9	52	38	5	0	2	7	1	0	53
	18	41	38	79	30	11	0	1	37	0	2	81
	19A/B*	23	10	33	14	9	0	0	10	0	0	33
	20	35	28	63	28	7	0	2	26	0	1	64
	21	45	22	67	35	10	0	3	19	0	1	67
	22	23	21	44	17	6	0	1	20	0	0	44
	23	25	6	31	20	5	0	1	5	0	0	31
IV	24	4	2	6	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	6
	25	53	12	65	43	10	0	6	6	0	3	68
	26	75	44	119	54	21	0	6	38	0	1	120
	27A/B*	28	21	49	25	3	0	4	17	0	0	49
	28	35	12	47	28	7	0	1	11	0	2	49
	29	31	13	44	26	5	0	2	11	0	0	44
	30	12	5	17	9	3	0	1	4	0	1	18
TOTAL		**1,096**	**508**	**1,604**	**841**	**255**	**0**	**51**	**457**	**3**	**17**	**1,624**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

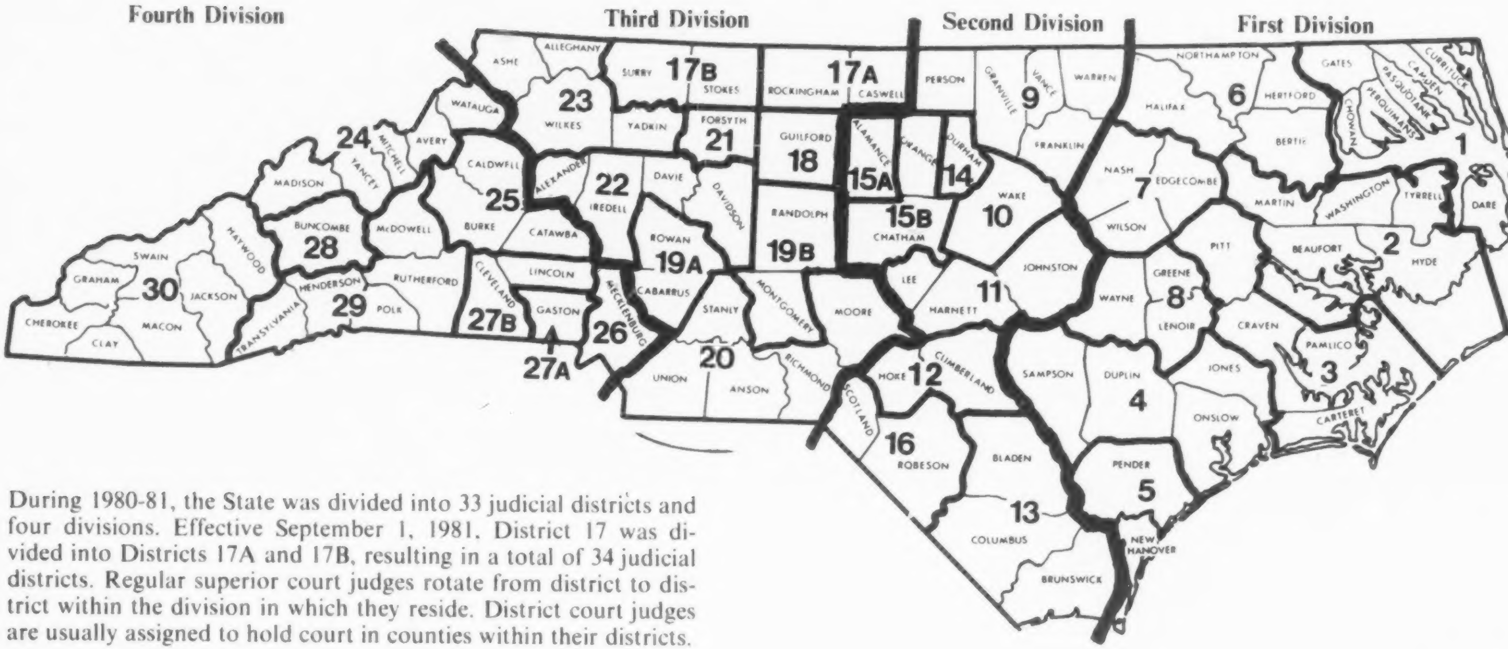
January 1-December 31, 1980

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Disposed by Written Opinion: Cases Affirmed	Cases Reversed	Cases Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part	Other	Total Cases by Written Opinion	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
I	1	16	10	2	0	28	3	31
	2	16	6	0	0	22	5	27
	3	33	10	1	0	44	2	46
	4	30	9	0	0	39	1	40
	5	17	12	3	0	32	3	35
	6	13	8	0	0	21	1	22
	7	18	8	4	0	30	2	32
	8	38	10	0	0	48	3	51
II	9	13	9	2	0	24	0	24
	10	95	47	11	0	153	12	165
	11	20	6	0	0	26	2	28
	12	53	8	3	2	66	12	78
	13	13	1	0	0	14	1	15
	14	20	8	5	0	33	2	35
	15A/B*	32	11	2	0	45	0	45
	16	16	6	0	0	22	1	23
III	17	30	7	2	0	39	1	40
	18	48	16	3	0	67	5	72
	19A/B*	31	13	3	0	47	0	47
	20	30	10	2	0	42	4	46
	21	40	16	3	0	59	11	70
	22	14	10	0	0	24	3	27
	23	25	8	1	0	34	1	35
IV	24	7	6	0	0	13	0	13
	25	32	7	1	0	40	5	45
	26	77	26	5	0	108	12	120
	27A/B*	28	9	2	0	39	4	43
	28	25	11	2	0	38	4	42
	29	21	9	1	0	31	1	32
	30	8	7	1	0	16	0	16
Total		**859**	**324**	**59**	**2**	**1,244**	**101**	**1,345**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

North Carolina Judicial Districts and Divisions


Fourth Division
Third Division
Second Division
First Division
ASHE
ALLEGHANY
SURRY
17B
STOKES
17A
ROCKINGHAM
CASWELL
PERSON
GRANVILLE
VANCE
WARREN
9
NORTHAMPTON
GATES
CURRITUCK
CAMDEN
PASQUOTANK
PERQUIMANS
CHOWAN
HERTFORD
6
HALIFAX
BERTIE
1
WATAUGA
23
WILKES
YADKIN
FORSYTH
21
GUILFORD
18
ALAMANCE
ORANGE
DURHAM
15A
14
FRANKLIN
NASH
7
EDGECOMBE
MARTIN
WASHINGTON
TYRRELL
DARE
24
MITCHELL
AVERY
YANCEY
MADISON
CALDWELL
ALEXANDER
22
IREDELL
DAVIE
DAVIDSON
25
BURKE
CATAWBA
RANDOLPH
15B
CHATHAM
WAKE
10
WILSON
PITT
BEAUFORT
2
HYDE
BUNCOMBE
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McDOWELL
ROWAN
19A
19B
LEE
JOHNSTON
GREENE
8
SWAIN
HAYWOOD
GRAHAM
30
JACKSON
HENDERSON
29
RUTHERFORD
POLK
TRANSYLVANIA
CLEVELAND
LINCOLN
CABARRUS
MECKLENBURG
STANLY
MONTGOMERY
MOORE
HARNETT
11
WAYNE
LENOIR
CRAVEN
PAMLICO
CHEROKEE
CLAY
MACON
27B
GASTON
26
27A
20
UNION
ANSON
RICHMOND
SCOTLAND
HOKE
12
CUMBERLAND
SAMPSON
DUPLIN
4
JONES
3
ONSLOW
CARTERET
16
ROBESON
BLADEN
PENDER
5
13
COLUMBUS
NEW HANOVER
BRUNSWICK

During 1980-81, the State was divided into 33 judicial districts and four divisions. Effective September 1, 1981, District 17 was divided into Districts 17A and 17B, resulting in a total of 34 judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their districts.

JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*
(As of June 30, 1981)

FIRST DIVISION

District	
1	J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
2	Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
3	Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville
4	Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
5	Bradford Tillery, Wilmington Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
6	Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
7	George M. Fountain, Tarboro Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro
8	R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

SECOND DIVISION

District	
9	Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
10	James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh A. Pilston Goodwin, Jr., Raleigh Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
11	Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn
12	E. Maurice Braswell, Fayetteville Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville D.B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville
13	Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
14	Thomas H. Lee, Durham Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama John C. Martin, Durham
15A	D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
15B	F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
16	Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton

THIRD DIVISION

District	
17	James M. Long, Yanceyville
18	Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
19A	Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer James C. Davis, Concord
19B	Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
20	F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro William H. Helms, Wingate
21	William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem
22	Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville Peter W. Hairston, Advance
23	Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

FOURTH DIVISION

District	
24	Ronald W. Howell, Marshall
25	Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory Claude S. Sitton, Morganton
26	Frank W. Snepp, Jr., Charlotte Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte William T. Grist, Charlotte Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte
27A	Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
27B	John R. Friday, Lincolnton
28	Robert D. Lewis, Asheville C. Walter Allen, Asheville
29	Hollis M. Owens, Rutherfordton
30	Lacy H. Thornburg, Webster

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* In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

- Clarence P. Cornelius, Mooresville
- Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem
- William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
- John R. Jolly, Rocky Mount
- Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
- Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville
- Donald L. Smith, Raleigh
- Charles B. Winberry, Rocky Mount

EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

- Albert W. Cowper, Kinston
- Hamilton H. Hobgood, Louisburg

The Conference of Superior Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston, *President*

A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., Raleigh, *President-Elect*

Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville, *Vice President*

Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer and Lacy H. Thornburg, Webster, *Additional Executive Committee Members*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the State. In 1980-81 there were 58 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 33 judicial districts, for eight-year terms by Statewide ballot. In addition, eight "special" superior court judges are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds $5,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from all administrative agencies except the Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the N.C. State Bar, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court as *ex officio* judge of probate. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina were grouped into 33 judicial districts during 1980-81. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on page 00. Within the division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate through the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

Resources

A total of $16,308,092 was expended for operation of the superior courts during the 1980-81 fiscal year, an increase of 16.1% over 1979-80 expenditures of $14,042,696. This total includes expenditures for the State's district attorneys' offices as well as the salaries and operating expenses of the 66 superior court judges, the court reporters in the superior courts, and staff support. The 1980-81 total amounted to 20.1% of the General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share of the total is approximately the same as the superior courts' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the previous year.

1980-81 Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 82,441 cases were filed in the superior courts from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981. This was an increase of 7,542 cases (10%) over the 1979-80 total of 74,899 case filings. A similar increase in total case filings has occurred in the superior courts during recent years.

Superior court case dispositions increased also, although the number of cases disposed of during 1980-81 (totalling 80,303 cases) did not equal the number filed. As a result, there was an increase in the total number of cases pending, from 32,122 at the beginning of the fiscal year to 34,260 at the end of the year—a 6.7% increase.

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this Report.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1981)

District

1 John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City
Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City
John R. Parker, Elizabeth City

2 Hallett S. Ward, Washington
James W. Hardison, Williamston

3 Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville
James E. Martin, Bethel
James E. Regan, Oriental
H. Horton Roundtree, Greenville
Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton

4 Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill
E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville
Walter P. Henderson, Trenton
James N. Martin, Kenansville
Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville

5 Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington
Carter T. Lambeth, Wilmington
Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
John M. Walker, Wilmington

6 Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck
Robert E. Williford, Lewiston

7 George Britt, Tarboro
James E. Ezzell, Rocky Mount
Allen W. Harrell, Wilson
Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson

8 J. Patrick Exum, Kinston
Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont
Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston
Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro
Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro

9 Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford
Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson
J. Larry Senter, Franklinton
Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford

10 George F. Bason, Raleigh
Henry V. Barnette, Jr., Raleigh
Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh
George R. Greene, Raleigh
John Hill Parker, Raleigh
Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh

District

11 Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield
William Christian, Sanford
K. Edward Greene, Dunn
W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield

12 Derb S. Carter, Fayetteville
Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville
Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford
Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville
Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville

13 William E. Wood, Whiteville
William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville
J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Whiteville
Roy D. Trest, Shallotte

14 J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham
Karen B. Galloway, Durham
David Q. LaBarre, Durham
William G. Pearson, II, Durham

15A J.B. Allen, Jr., Burlington
W.S. Harris, Jr., Graham
James K. Washburn, Burlington

15B Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill
Donald L. Paschal, Siler City

16 John S. Gardner, Lumberton
B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg
Charles G. McLean, Lumberton
Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton

17 Leonard H. vanNoppen, Danbury
Foy Clark, Mount Airy
Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville

18 Robert L. Cecil, High Point
Robert Bencini, Jr., High Point
William L. Daisy, Greensboro
Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro
William K. Hunter, High Point
Joseph R. John, Greensboro
Edmund Lowe, High Point
John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro

19A Robert L. Warren, Concord
Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord
Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis
Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

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*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1981)

District	
19B	L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
	William M. Neely, Asheboro
20	Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro
	Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle
	Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe
	Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham
21	Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem
	James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem
	Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem
	David R. Tanis, Winston-Salem
	Gary B. Tash, Winston-Salem
22	Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville
	Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville
	Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
	Hubert E. Olive, Jr., Lexington
23	Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro
	Max F. Ferree, Wilkesboro
	John T. Kilby, Jefferson
24	Robert H. Lacey, Newland
	R. Alexander Lyerly, Banner Elk
25	Livingston Vernon, Morganton
	Edward J. Crotty, Hickory
	Robert A. Mullinax, Newton
	L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory
	Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton
26	Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
	Walter H. Bennett, Jr., Charlotte
	Larry Thomas Black, Charlotte
	L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte
	Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte
	William G. Jones, Charlotte
	James E. Lanning, Charlotte
	William H. Scarborough, Charlotte
	T. Michael Todd, Charlotte
27A	Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia
	Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia
	J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia
	Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia
27B	A. Max Harris, Ellenboro
	James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
	George W. Hamrick, Shelby
28	James O. Israel, Jr., Candler
	Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
	Peter L. Roda, Asheville
	William Marion Styles, Black Mountain
29	Robert T. Gash, Brevard
	Loto J. Greenlee, Marion
	Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville
	Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville
30	Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City
	J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville
	John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy

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*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

The Association of District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids, *President*

Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton, *Vice President*

J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington, *Secretary-Treasurer*

George M. Britt, Tarboro
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
William G. Pearson, III, Durham
Additional Executive Committee Members

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 136 district court judges serving in 33 judicial districts during 1980-81, elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 562 magistrate positions (some part-time) were authorized as of June 30, 1981. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and recommitments to mental hospitals, domestic relations cases, and to general civil cases where the amount in controversy is $5,000 or less. Upon the plantiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is $1,000** or less may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are also empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed $400*** and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions. Magistrates may also accept waivers of appearance and pleas of guilty in traffic cases for which a uniform schedule of fines has been adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. Magistrates conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested offenders, and are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of civil cases; assigning matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions in the district courts.

The chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1981)

J. Milton Read, Durham, *Chairman*

George F. Bason, Raleigh, *Vice Chairman*

Resources

A total of $15,953,309 was expended for operating the district courts in 1980-81, an increase of 11.8% over 1979-80 expenditures of $14,269,622. Included in the total are expenses of court reporters for district courts as well as personnel costs of district court judges and magistrates. The 1980-81 total is 19.6% of the General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department, approximately the same district courts percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures for the previous fiscal year.

1980-81 Caseload

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1980-81 was 1,520,826 cases, an increase of 62,179 (4.3%) over the 1979-80 filings of 1,458,647 cases. Most of this increase was in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category, which had 365,516 filings in 1979-80 and 402,900 filings in 1980-91, an increase of 10.3%. There was a 9.1% increase in civil case filings, from a total of 315,867 cases in 1979-80 to 344,483 cases in 1980-81. Motor vehicle criminal case filings decreased about one-half of one per cent, from 777,264 cases in 1979-80 to 773,443 cases in 1980-81.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads is contained in Part IV of this *Report.*

** Increased from $800, effective October 1, 1981.
*** Increased from $400, effective October 1, 1981.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
(As of June 30, 1981)

District	
1	THOMAS S. WATTS, Elizabeth City
2	WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
3	ELI BLOOM, Greenville
4	WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
5	W. ALLEN COBB, Wilmington
6	W. E. MURPHREY, III, Jackson
7	HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
8	DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
9	DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
10	J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
11	JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
12	EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
13	LEE J. GREER, Whiteville
14	DAN K. EDWARDS, JR., Durham
15A	HERBERT F. PIERCE, Graham
15B	WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
16	JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton
17	FRANKLIN E. FREEMAN, JR., Reidsville
18	MICHAEL A. SCHLOSSER, Greensboro
19A	JAMES E. ROBERTS, Concord
19B	GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro
20	CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
21	DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
22	H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
23	MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
24	CLYDE M. ROBERTS, Marshall
25	DONALD E. GREENE, Newton
26	PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
27A	JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
27B	W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
28	RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
29	M. LEONARD LOWE, Rutherfordton
30	MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

The District Attorneys Association
(Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Wade Barber, Pittsboro, *President*

Randolph Riley, Raleigh, *Vice President*

Ronald C. Brown, Asheville, *Vice President Legislative Affairs*

John Smith, II, Wilmington, *Secretary-Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The District Attorneys

The State is divided into prosecutorial districts which correspond to its judicial districts, and a district attorney is elected by the voters of each of the 33 districts for four-year terms. (By act of the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, District 17 was divided into 17A and 17B, effective September 1, 1981, making a total of 34 districts for the State.)

Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1981, a total of 204 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 33 districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (19 assistants) and the district attorney of District 24 had the smallest (two assistants).

Each district attorney is also authorized to employ on a full-time basis an administrative assistant to aid in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 19 of the 33 districts is empowered to employ an investigative assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial.

1980-81 Caseload

A total of 68,685 criminal cases were filed in superior courts from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981, consisting of 42,792 felony cases and 25,893 misdemeanor appeals from district courts. The total number of filings (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) in the superior courts during the prior year was 61,824. The 1980-81 increase of 6,861 cases represents 11.1% increase over the 1979-80 total.

A total of 66,564 criminal cases were disposed of by the superior courts during 1980-81, which was 2,121 cases less than the number of filings. Therefore, compared with the number of pending cases at the beginning of the year (16,605) the number as of June 30, 1981 was 18,726, a 12.8% increase in the number of pending cases.

In the district courts, a total of 1,176,343 criminal cases were filed during 1980-81 (773,443 motor vehicle criminal and 402,900 non-motor vehicle criminal cases), compared with a total of 1,142,780 criminal cases during 1979-80. This is an overall increase of 33,563 (2.9%) in criminal case filings in the district courts. However, all of this increase was in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category (37,384 cases more in 1980-81 than in 1979-80), and motor vehicle criminal case filings were slightly less (3,821 cases) in 1980-81 compared with the number of such filings in 1979-80. (Due to a change in statistical reporting procedures, the clerks of court no longer report motor vehicle criminal cases by case file number to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Only summary total numbers of filings and dispositions are reported weekly. Therefore, it is not possible by computer-processing to obtain pending case data for the motor vehicle criminal case category.)

As in previous years, a substantial number (451,789 or 58.7%) of the 769,242 dispositions of motor vehicle criminal cases were disposed of by waiver of appearance and entry of plea of guilty before a clerk or magistrate. This substantial number of criminal cases did not, of course, require action by the district attorneys' offices, and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' "caseload".

With respect to the non-motor vehicle criminal case category, the total number of case dispositions during 1980-81 was 388,897, compared with 402,900 case filings. Therefore, the number of such cases pending at the end of the year had increased from 50,049 (beginning of year) to 64,052, an increase of 28 per cent.

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in the superior and district courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT
(As of June 30, 1981)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT	COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson	Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Alexander	Martha J. Adams	Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood	Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Anson	R. Frank Hightower	Lenoir	M. E. Creech
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson	Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Avery	Billy J. Vance	Macon	Lois S. Morris
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry	Madison	James W. Cody
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight	Martin	Mary K. Wynne
Bladen	Smithy S. Harris	McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy	Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg	Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Burke	Major A. Joines	Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Cabarrus	Estus B. White	Moore	Charles M. McLeod
Caldwell	Mary Hood Thompson	Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy	New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Carteret	Mary Austin	Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Caswell	J. P. Moore	Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney	Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Chatham	Janice Oldham	Pamlico	Sadie W. Edwards
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke	Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Chowan	Lena M. Leary	Pender	Frances N. Futch
Clay	Ralph A. Allison	Perquimans	W. J. Ward
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon	Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson	Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Craven	Dorothy Pate	Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Cumberland	George T. Griffin	Randolph	John H. Skeen
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot	Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Dare	C. S. Meekins	Robeson	Ben G. Floyd, Jr.
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd	Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Davie	Delores C. Jordan	Rowan	Francis Glover
Duplin	John A. Johnson	Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Durham	James Leo Carr	Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver	Scotland	C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.
Forsyth	A. E. Blackburn	Stanly	Joe H. Lowder
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	Robert Miller
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins	Surry	David J. Beal
Gates	Tobe Daniels, Jr.	Swain	Harold H. Sandlin
Graham	O. W. Hooper, Jr.	Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Greene	Cleo W. McKeel	Union	Nola H. McCollum
Guilford	Joseph E. Slate, Jr.	Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Halifax	J. C. Taylor	Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown	Warren	Anne F. Davis
Haywood	William G. Henry	Washington	Louise S. Allen
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson	Watauga	John T. Bingham
Hertford	Richard T. Vann	Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Hoke	Juanita Edmund	Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Hyde	W. Allen Credle	Wilson	William G. Stewart
Iredell	Carl G. Smith	Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.	Yancey	Arnold E. Higgins

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for four-year terms by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waiver of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continued to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties the clerk's staff assisted the district attorney in preparing some criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

Resources

A total of $27,140,415 was expended in 1980-81 for operation of the 100 clerks of superior court offices, an increase of 11.8% over 1979-80 expenditures of $24,283,713. Included in the total were expenditures for jurors' fees, and for supplies, postage, telephone and office expenses for all local Judicial Department personnel, and the salaries and benefits of the clerks and their staffs. The 1980-81 total amounted to 33.4% of General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share of the total for the Judicial Department is about the same as the percentage share for operations of the clerks' offices in 1979-80.

1980-81 Caseload

Filings of estates cases totalled 36,753 cases in 1980-81, an increase of 6% over the 34,670 cases filed in 1979-81. Estate cases dispositions totalled 33,830 in 1980-81, or 5.4% more than the 1979-80 total of 32,093 cases. As filings during the year exceeded dispositions by 2,923 cases, the number pending at the end of the year increased by that amount over the number pending at the beginning of the 1980-81 year.

A total of 31,294 special proceedings were filed during 1980-81 before the 100 clerks of superior court, an increase of 1,464 (4.9%) over the number of filings for the previous year. Total number of dispositions of special proceedings during the year was 28,656, with a resulting increase in the number of cases pending, from 20,196 on July 1, 1980 to 22,834 on June 30, 1981, an increase of 13%.

More detailed information on the estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

Association of Clerks of Superior Court
(Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Ben G. Floyd, Jr., Robeson County, *President*

Louise B. Wilson, Alamance County,
First Vice President

George T. Griffin, Cumberland County
Second Vice President

Nola H. McCollum, Union County,
Secretary

Major Joines, Burke County
Treasurer

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Public Defenders

During 1980-81 there were six public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A and 28. (The public defender office for the third judicial district was established as of January 1, 1981.) The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for the other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided a minimum of one full-time assistant; additional full-time or part-time assistants may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Entitlement of Indigents To Counsel

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation". He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement, a fine of $500 or more, or extradition to another State, a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or a transfer of custody upon a finding of abuse or neglect.

Most of the cases of State-paid representation of indigents in the districts with public defenders are handled by the public defender's office. However, the court may in certain circumstances—such as existence of a potential conflict of interest—assign private counsel to represent an indigent defendant. In the other 28 districts, the assigned private counsel system is the only one used.

Resources

A total of $1,757,662 was expended for the operation of the six public defenders' offices during the 1980-81 fiscal year, an increase of $352,947 over the 1979-80 total of $1,404,715. However, $120,714 of the increase is attributable to the operation of the public defender office in the Third Judicial District, which was not in existence during the 1979-80 fiscal year. (The expenditure data just cited covers salaries and travel expense. Under the cost data system in effect during 1980-81, other operational expenses for the public defender offices were not separately identified from operating expenses incurred for judicial offices within the respective counties.)

1980-81 Caseload

The six public defenders' offices handled a total of 14,447 cases, including both trials and appeals, in 1980-81. This represents an increase of 25% over the 11,558 cases handled by *five* public defender offices during the 1979-80 fiscal year. Additional information on the operation of these offices is contained in Part III of this *Annual Report*.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

(As of June 30, 1981)

District 3
  Donald C. Hicks, III, Greenville

District 12
  Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 18
  Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26
  Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

District 27A
  Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

District 28
  J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

The Association of Public Defenders
(Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., *President*

Frederick G. Lind, *Vice President*

Arthur W. Cooke, *Secretary*

Terry Sherill, *Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1981)

Appointed by the Governor

H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro
District Attorney

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

David M. Britt, Raleigh
Associate Justice, N.C. Supreme Court

George Kornegay, Mount Olive

I. T. Valentine, Jr., Nashville

Louise B. Wilson, Graham
Clerk of Court

Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Henson P. Barnes, Goldsboro
Member, N.C. Senate

Fielding Clark, II, Hickory

Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
Superior Court Judge

E. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem

Rebecca B. Hundley, Thomasville

Glenn R. Jernigan, Fayetteville
Member, N.C. Senate

R. C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City
Member, N. C. Senate

Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Robert W. Bone, Rocky Mount
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Bobby R. Etheridge, Angier
Member, N. C. House of Representatives

Robert C. Hunter, Marion
Member, N. C. House of Representatives

Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., Winston-Salem

Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg
Clerk of Court

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
District Court Judge

Carl S. Stewart, Jr., Gastonia

Dennis A. Wicker, Sanford
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Robert M. Clay, Raleigh
N.C. Bar Association Representative

William K. Davis, Raleigh
N. C. State Bar Representative

Bert M. Montague, Raleigh
Administrative Officer of the Courts

The North Carolina Courts Commission was established by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice". Initially, the Commission was comprised of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lt. Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three *ex officio* non-voting members as shown above.

Pursuant to legislation sponsored by the Commission, the 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the number of voting members from 15 to 23. Under current law, the Governor appoints seven voting members, the Lieutenant Governor appoints eight voting members and the Speaker of the House appoints eight voting members. The non-voting *ex-officio* members remain the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The North Carolina Courts Commission

The following proposals were sponsored by the North Carolina Courts Commission and approved by the 1981 Session of the General Assembly:

- Statutory amendment to provide for temporary recall of retired justices and judges who have passed mandatory retirement age.
- Proposed constitutional amendment to permit recall of retired appellate justices and judges to serve temporarily on either appellate court.
- Proposed constitutional amendment to authorize General Assembly to provide for direct appeal from Utilities Commission to Supreme Court.
- Statutory amendments to facilitate juror selection process.
- Statutory amendments to require presiding judge at preliminary hearing to inform indigent defendant that if he is convicted and placed on probation he may become liable for costs of assigned counsel; that if defendant is acquitted, he will not have to pay for counsel; that if the indigent defendant becomes non-indigent before trial is concluded, he must notify counsel and counsel must notify court.
- Statutory amendments to provide that magistrates' seniority salary increases take effect on anniversary of appointment.
- Statutory amendment to increase salary for clerks of superior court in the lowest salary classification.
- Statutory amendment to revise procedures for preparation of master jury list, requiring use of voter lists and driver license lists beginning in July, 1983.

The following items, among others, are expected to be on the Commission's agenda for consideration during 1982:

- Study of current judicial district and judicial division boundaries and personnel allocations; consideration of procedures for personnel allocations. (Legislative Resolution 51 of the 1981 Session directs the Commission to make this study and to report to the 1983 Session of the General Assembly.)
- Study of the current procedures for the collection of judgments and court fees, and study of the new judgment exemptions law. A report on the latter matter is to be made to the 1982 Session of the General Assembly; and a report on the first listed item is to be made to the 1983 legislative session.
- Study of "decriminalization" of traffic offenses, and possible administrative (rather than court) disposition. Commission will report to the 1983 Legislative Session on this subject.
- Study of provision of legal services for indigent criminal defendants.
- Study of "career program" for assistant district attorneys.
- Consideration of change in constitution to eliminate trial *de novo* in the superior court upon appeal from district court misdemeanor conviction.
- Consider increase of district court civil jurisdictional amount from $5,000 to $10,000.
- Consider alternatives to present bail bond system.
- Consider change in present appointment procedures for magistrates.
- Study of ways to reduce time spent by witnesses in court waiting to testify.
- Review of schedule of costs and fees in the trial courts.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Judicial Standards Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1981)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Edward B. Clark, Raleigh, *Chairman*

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Aibright, Greensboro

District Court Judge L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

Appointed by the Governor

Marvin B. Koonce, Jr., Raleigh, *Secretary*

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro

Appointed by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville

Robert G. Sanders, Charlotte, *Vice Chairman*

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquires where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in nine inquiries.

During the 1 July 1980 — 30 June 1981 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 29 July 1980, 15 September 1980, 7 November 1980, 6 February 1981, and 8 May 1981.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Sixteen such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1980, and 69 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 85 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 69 inquiries, and 16 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 69 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

(1) 57 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter not within the Commission's jurisdiction;

(2) 5 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction but not warranting further proceedings;

(3) 3 inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations;

(4) 1 inquiry was determined to warrant no further action following completion of a formal hearing;

(5) 1 inquiry was determined to warrant issuance of a reprimand; and

(6) 2 inquiries were determined to warrant a recommendation of removal.

Of the 16 inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

(1) 7 inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
(2) 9 inquiries were still under investigation or subject to further action by the Commission.

The recommendation of removal referred to above was filed with the Supreme Court of North Carolina on 3 December 1980, and oral arguments were heard on 11 February 1981. In its opinion in ***In re Martin***, 302 N.C. 299 (1981), filed on 4 March 1981, the Court accepted the Commission's recommendation and ordered the removal from office of the respondent district judge, Bill J. Martin, thereby disqualifying him from holding further judicial office and making him ineligible to receive retirement benefits.

PART III

COURT RESOURCES

- Financial
- Personnel

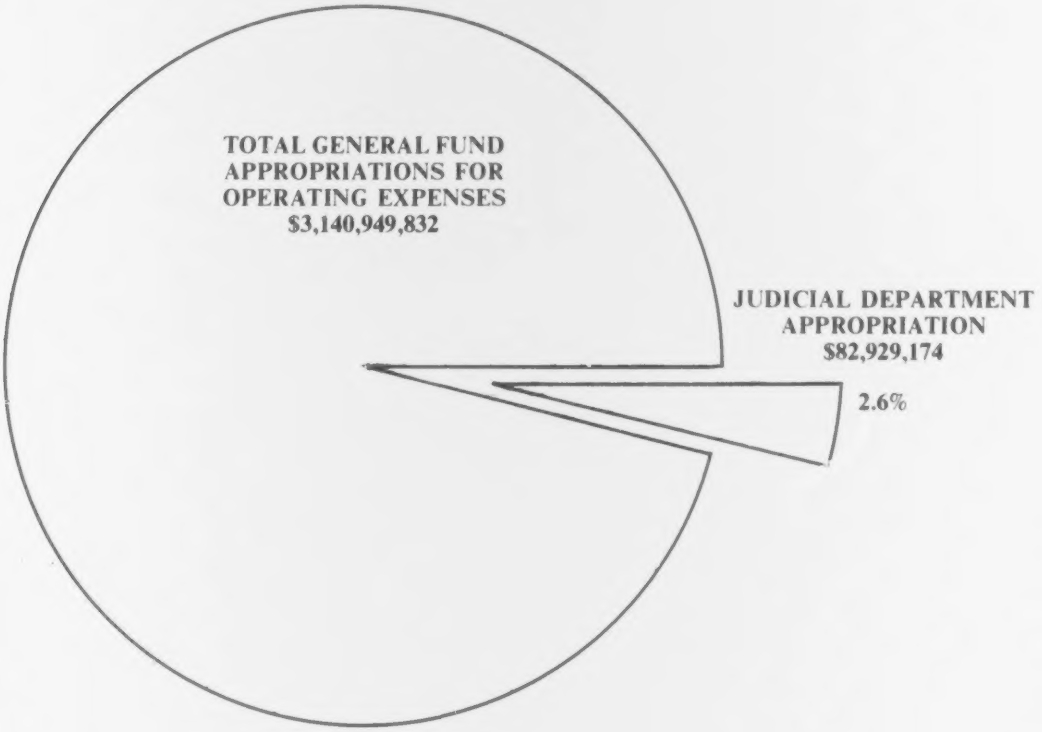
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. In recent years, the General Assembly has customarily held a "short" session in even-numbered years and the budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during these short sessions.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but by statute the county governments are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

State appropriations from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for fiscal year July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981 totalled $82,929,174. General Fund appropriations for the *operating expenses* of all State agencies and departments, including the Judicial Department, totalled $3,140,949,832 for fiscal year, 1980-81. (These do not include appropriations for capital construction or appropriations from the Highway Fund for highway construction and repair.)

As is illustrated in the chart below, General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department comprised 2.6% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of *all* State agencies and departments.



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for operating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

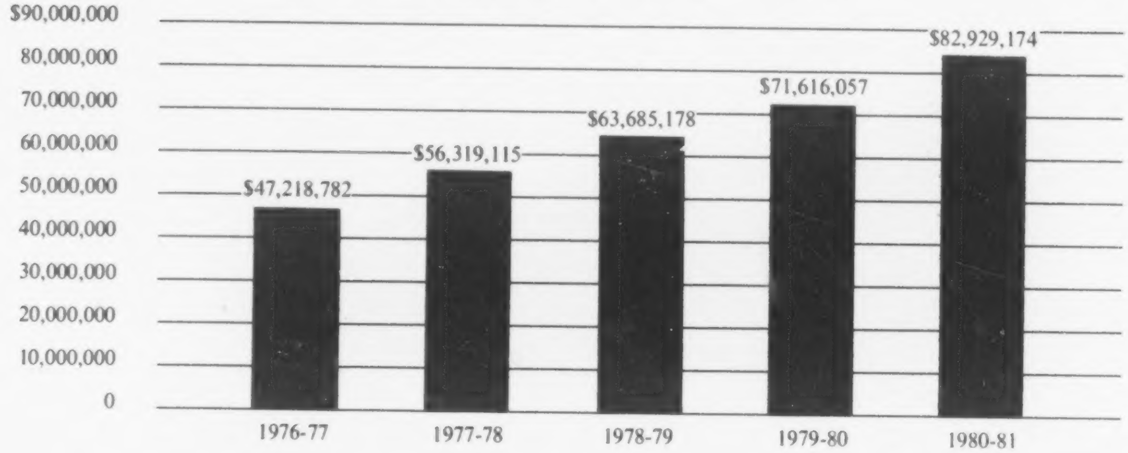
Fiscal Year	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1976-1977	47,218,782	10.05%	1,962,976,606	12.97%
1977-1978	56,319,115	19.27%	2,193,405,714	11.74%
1978-1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45%	2,761,002,481	12.60%
1980-1981	82,929,174	15.80%	3,140,949,832	13.76%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1976-1981		14.13%		12.57%

During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

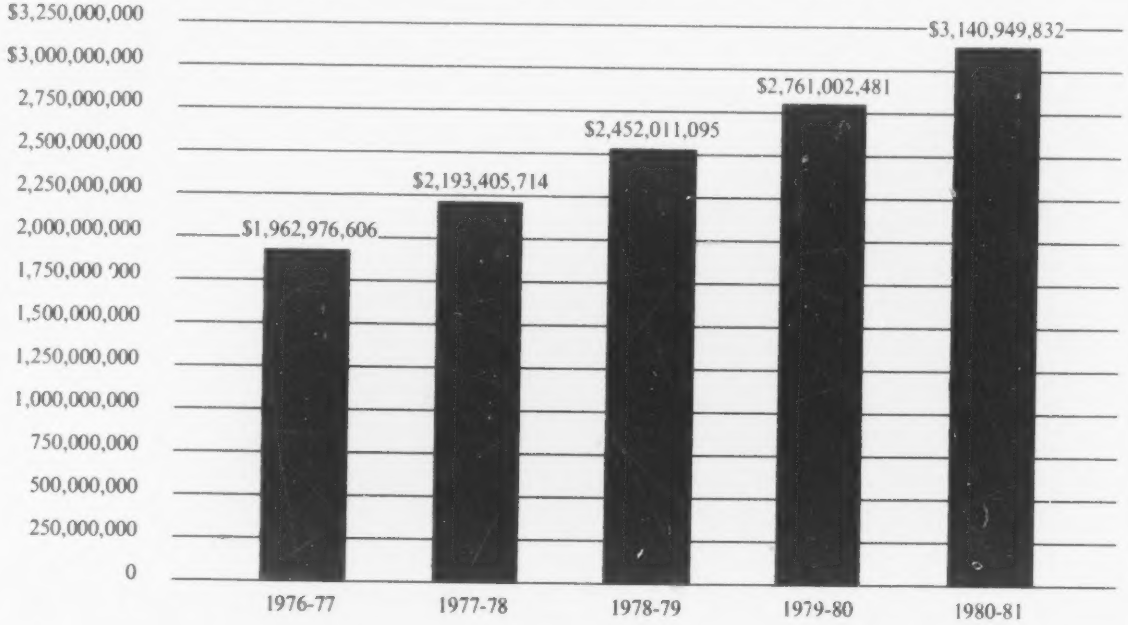
The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the 1977-78 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a significant increase in the number of superior court judges (20%) and an increase in the number of assistant district attorneys (18%).

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of The Judicial Department, 1976-77 — 1980-81



General Fund Appropriations For Operating Expenses Of All State Agencies And Departments, 1976-77 — 1980-81



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

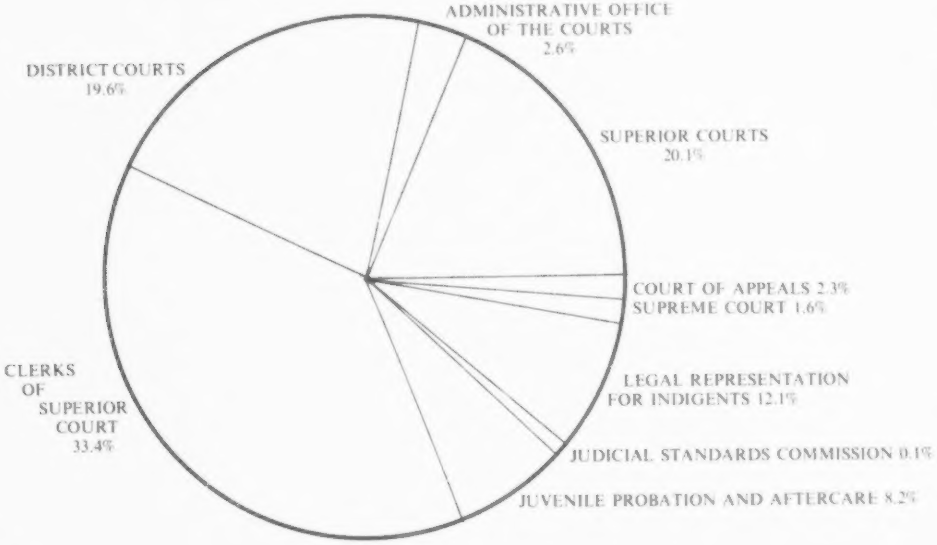
Expenditures, 7/1/80 — 6/30/81

General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1980-81 fiscal year totalled $81,278,550, divided among the major budget classifications as shown below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled $904,210, for a grand total of $82,182,760 in expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	$ 1,308,014	1.6%
Court of Appeals	1,881,570	2.3%
Superior Courts (This classification includes judges, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, court reporters, and staff personnel.)	16,308,092	20.1%
District Courts (This classification includes judges, magistrates, and court reporters.)	15,953,309	19.6%
Clerks of Superior Court (This classification includes all 100 clerks and their staffs, juror fees, witness fees, and such support services as supplies, postage, telephone expenses, and office equipment for all local Judicial Department personnel.)	27,140,415	33.4%
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	6,631,433	8.2%
Legal Representation for Indigents Assigned private counsel ($7,577,184) Public defenders ($1,757,662) Special counsel at mental hospitals ($138,299) Support services (transcripts, records, briefs) ($388,774)	9,861,919	12.1%
Administrative Office of the Courts	2,107,541	2.6%
Judicial Council	1,528	-0-
Judicial Standards Commission	84,729	.1%
Total General Fund Expenditures	$81,278,550	100.0%
LEAA-Funded Projects	904,210	
GRAND TOTAL	$82,182,760	

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

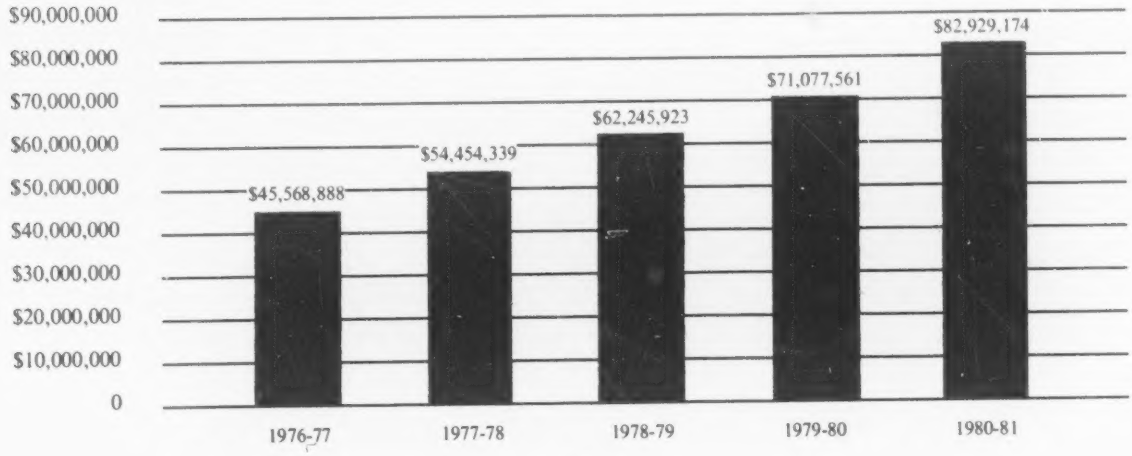
Expenditures, July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981



As the chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 20.1% of total expenditures; this category includes expenditures for district attorneys and their staffs as well as superior court judges and court reporters. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates, judges and court reporters) took 19.6% of the total. An additional 33.4% went to operate the offices for the 100 clerks of superior court, to pay jurors' and witnesses' fees and to provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service for all judicial Department personnel at the local level.

The total General Fund expenditures of $82,182,760 for 1980-81 represents a 15.8% increase over expenditures of $71,616,057 in 1979-80, an increase in keeping with the trend in recent years, as illustrated in the chart below.

General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department Fiscal Years 1976-77 — 1980-81



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

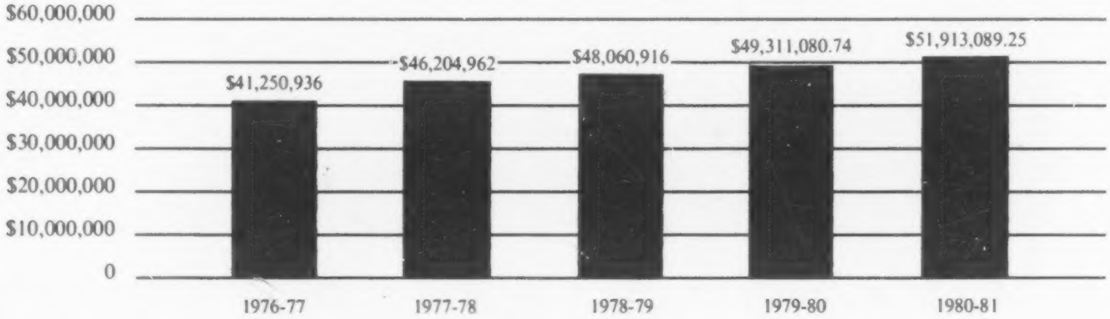
Department Receipts
July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1980-81 fiscal year totalled $51,913,089.25. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments constituted 59.38% of the total receipts during 1980-81. Fines and forfeitures made up 38.53% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgments — made up less than three percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	**Amount**	**% of Total**
Supreme Court Fees	$ 19,018.59	.04%
Court of Appeals Fees	28,194.90	.05%
Superior and District Court Costs	30,827,667.90	59.38%
Fines and Forfeitures	20,002,132.47	38.53%
Sales of Appellate Division *Reports*	171,148.57	.33%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	864,926.82	1.67%
Total	$51,913,089.25	100.00%

This total of $51,913,089.25 is an increase of 5.28% over total 1980-81 receipts of $49,311,080.74. The graph below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

Judicial Department Receipts, 1976-77 — 1980-81



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Distribution Of Judicial Department Receipts

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilities fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer Fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilities were used. Most jail facilities in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit, and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	$ 19,018.59	.04%
Court of Appeals Fees	28,194.90	.05%
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	171,148.57	.33%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	864,926.82	1.67%
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,494,893.82	4.81%
Other Superior and District Court Fees	21,212,615.76	40.86%
Total to State Treasurer	**24,790,798.46**	**47.76%**
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	20,002,132.47	38.53%
Judicial Facilities Fees	3,879,236.00	7.47%
Officer Fees	1,795,905.59	3.46%
Jail Fees	515,445.80	.99%
Total to Counties	**26,192,719.86**	**50.45%**
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	192,425.50	.37%
Officer Fees	724,557.93	1.40%
Jail Fees	12,587.50	.02%
Total to Municipalities	**929,570.93**	**1.79%**
GRAND TOTAL	**$51,913,089.25**	**100.00%**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities*

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Alamance	$ 66,110.00	$ 32,901.00	$ 11,567.00	$ 344,610.38	$ -0-	$ 12,485.00	$ -0-	$ 467,673.38
Alexander	9,448.50	4,679.00	2,470.00	59,966.25	-0-	90.00	-0-	76,653.75
Alleghany	4,824.00	1,665.00	1,649.00	22,481.38	-0-	374.00	-0-	30,993.38
Anson	18,971.00	8,900.00	1,804.00	77,382.00	-0-	723.00	-0-	107,780.00
Ashe	9,293.00	7,803.00	1,420.00	55,508.00	-0-	36.00	-0-	74,060.00
Avery	7,908.00	6,087.00	715.00	60,883.99	-0-	140.00	-0-	75,733.99
Beaufort	31,332.00	22,561.01	6,949.00	176,150.48	-0-	4,592.24	-0-	241,584.73
Bertie	13,295.14	12,412.70	2,305.00	52,240.48	-0-	344.00	-0-	80,597.32
Bladen	28,561.00	23,676.73	2,264.00	149,340.35	3,144.00	704.00	-0-	207,690.08
Brunswick	20,837.00	11,049.00	4,450.50	127,269.71	1,701.00	513.00	-0-	165,820.21
Buncombe	102,714.20	59,662.00	9,074.00	553,412.26	-0-	17,438.00	-0-	742,300.46
Burke	45,293.00	17,775.00	1,551.00	208,947.42	-0-	4,096.00	-0-	277,662.42
Cabarrus	67,534.24	47,508.47	9,291.13	310,413.21	-0-	4,778.00	-0-	439,525.05
Caldwell	39,374.00	13,003.00	4,160.00	188,475.18	-0-	3,608.00	-0-	248,620.18
Camden	3,951.00	2,736.00	680.00	25,395.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	32,762.00
Carteret	34,953.85	18,440.50	2,772.00	232,634.65	-0-	5,244.00	-0-	294,045.00
Caswell	11,085.50	8,502.00	1,556.00	49,987.20	-0-	-0-	-0-	71,130.70
Catawba	30,668.00	19,652.00	6,842.00	310,819.61	39,483.00	12,911.00	2,675.00	423,050.61
Chatham	12,512.00	13,807.00	1,256.00	72,654.00	5,498.00	608.00	300.00	106,635.00
Cherokee	9,587.00	5,565.00	1,705.00	70,483.60	-0-	442.00	70.00	87,852.60
Chowan	10,183.00	6,894.00	1,383.97	47,727.50	-0-	1,794.00	-0-	67,982.47
Clay	2,489.00	1,809.00	480.00	13,492.67	-0-	-0-	-0-	18,270.67
Cleveland	46,036.00	16,929.20	9,681.00	204,873.82	-0-	5,209.00	10.00	282,739.02
Columbus	38,734.00	33,847.00	8,620.00	208,585.09	2,472.00	1,928.00	315.00	294,501.09
Craven	59,656.00	20,422.00	9,830.00	345,538.98	-0-	10,014.00	-0-	445,460.98
Cumberland	186,879.81	60,979.42	31,767.67	1,028,655.07	-0-	37,508.00	-0-	1,345,789.97
Currituck	11,382.00	9,502.17	1,225.00	72,231.81	-0-	-0-	-0-	95,340.98
Dare	17,270.00	9,230.36	1,993.00	173,595.00	-0-	1,914.00	-0-	204,002.36
Davidson	49,033.32	26,142.60	7,462.38	248,957.31	5,631.00	3,066.00	-0-	340,292.62
Davie	16,482.00	10,756.00	1,575.00	67,351.25	-0-	567.00	-0-	96,731.25
Duplin	29,817.00	13,015.00	2,119.00	183,726.02	-0-	728.00	495.00	229,900.02
Durham	118,336.09	41,733.00	4,508.00	363,881.80	-0-	26,016.00	-0-	554,474.89
Edgecombe	28,630.00	35,877.50	8,039.00	132,682.33	14,360.00	4,989.00	773.00	225,350.83
Forsyth	191,258.00	28,013.00	18,981.90	610,291.65	2,779.00	53,342.00	-0-	904,665.55
Franklin	19,422.00	9,115.00	2,187.00	110,943.52	-0-	336.00	25.00	142,028.52
Gaston	86,626.00	58,076.86	14,737.02	410,815.68	-0-	9,872.00	-0-	580,127.56
Gates	6,220.00	4,411.00	780.00	40,253.91	-0-	-0-	-0-	51,664.91
Graham	3,077.00	1,994.00	989.00	25,275.00	-0-	58.00	-0-	31,393.00
Granville	26,323.00	11,895.00	3,506.00	141,223.73	-0-	1,656.00	220.00	184,823.73
Greene	9,755.00	6,511.00	1,807.00	66,732.54	-0-	-0-	-0-	84,805.54
Guilford	228,971.00	37,245.00	22,278.00	726,953.34	-0-	61,373.00	-0-	1,076,820.34
Halifax	40,279.00	32,787.20	10,796.00	300,888.86	6,588.00	5,480.00	445.00	397,264.06
Harnett	30,291.00	15,522.00	3,411.00	183,127.55	7,485.00	2,690.00	753.00	243,279.55
Haywood	23,488.00	16,767.00	460.00	191,749.84	2,975.00	2,292.00	-0-	237,731.84
Henderson	33,710.00	15,379.00	7,455.00	218,738.54	-0-	3,602.00	-0-	278,884.54
Hertford	20,411.00	13,426.56	3,975.00	87,433.93	-0-	1,602.00	-0-	126,848.49
Hoke	13,258.00	6,436.00	5,347.00	98,397.50	-0-	830.00	-0-	124,268.50
Hyde	2,840.00	1,969.00	95.00	26,262.56	-0-	-0-	-0-	31,166.56
Iredell	44,834.00	21,616.00	3,152.45	239,824.81	11,853.00	6,090.43	336.00	327,706.69
Jackson	13,090.00	9,407.60	2,505.00	100,744.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	125,746.60

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Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities*

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Johnston	$ 44,585.50	$ 28,017.90	$ 8,516.90	$ 271,419.00	$ 8,301.00	$ 5,518,00	$ 672.00	$ 367.030.30
Jones	7,562.00	4,353.00	667.00	38,589.60	-0-	326.00	-0-	51,497.60
Lee	27,052.31	14,681.15	7,911.00	98,498.02	-0-	4,788.00	-0-	152,930.48
Lenoir	42,840.00	14,307.00	7,056.00	202,744.93	1,242.00	5,246.00	-0-	273,435.93
Lincoln	22,320.00	16,266.00	1,185.00	81,223.93	-0-	523.00	-0-	121,517.93
Macon	11,132.00	8,133.87	743.00	91,920.44	-0-	288.00	-0-	112,217.31
Madison	4,892.00	3,683.00	207.00	26,729.00	-0-	20.00	-0-	35,531.00
Martin	18,845.00	13,940.00	650.00	96,492.73	-0-	1,060.00	-0-	130,987.73
McDowell	24,070.00	15,775.00	2,425.00	137,843.70	-0-	820.00	-0-	180.933,70
Mecklenburg	299,982.05	33,818.00	85.00	1,101,182.19	-0-	184,329.50	-0-	1,619,396.74
Mitchell	4,799.00	3,305.00	585.00	21,217.00	-0-	370.00	-0-	30,276.00
Montgomery	23,530.00	20,018,35	2,872.00	79,881.70	-0-	214.00	-0-	126,516.05
Moore	32,074.00	22,442.00	1,684,00	154,889.00	2,973.00	3,002.00	300.00	217,364.00
Nash	35,350.00	37,042.17	7,323.58	261,575.37	19,366.00	6,531.00	1,192.00	368,380.12
New Hanover	87,445.75	20,793.00	15,675.20	515,304.03	-0-	17,000.00	460.00	656,677.98
Northampton	19,375.00	14,864.00	2,915,00	113,207.45	-0-	824.00	-0-	151,185.45
Onslow	78,426.16	47,622.00	30,939.70	583,977.64	-0-	10,647.00	-0-	751,612.50
Orange	31,465.00	18,353.00	3,588.00	191,400.84	9,098.00	7,070.00	362.00	261,336.84
Pamlico	5,248.00	3,890.00	1,345.00	35,020.00	-0-	14.00	35.00	45,552.00
Pasquotank	19,127.00	6,516.00	2,614.00	130,463.09	-0-	4,741.00	-0-	163,461.09
Pender	15,503.00	9,161.00	3,212.00	101,903.50	-0-	742.00	-0-	130,521.50
Perquimans	6,149.00	3,551.00	715.00	41,629.65	-0-	975.00	-0-	53,019.65
Person	17,110.95	7,169.55	2,675.00	102,035.57	379.00	1,154.92	-0-	130,524.99
Pitt	57,085.00	20,103.00	6,234.00	307,566.23	4,827.00	10,478.00	810.00	407,103.23
Polk	7,260.00	5,182.00	1,826.00	89,877.50	-0-	212.00	-0-	104,357.50
Randolph	44,953.00	39,183.93	2,596.00	203,780.05	1,290.00	3,745.00	-0-	295,547.98
Richmond	25,716.00	11,753.00	3,364.00	104,013.95	-0-	1,112.00	-0-	145,958.95
Robeson	67,122.82	35,793.00	13,305.10	497,542.59	20,824.00	11,027.80	1,032.50	646,647.81
Rockingham	44,127.60	25,728.00	7,493.00	277,019.68	14,753.50	9,218.00	727.00	379,066.78
Rowan	59,216.00	41,623.90	7,291.00	262,414.69	-0-	8,556.00	-0-	379,101.59
Rutherford	23,469.00	14,060.00	6,997.00	135,204.10	-0-	2,072.00	-0-	181,802.10
Sampson	49,297.00	37,191.00	5,137.00	238,220.65	-0-	1,154.00	-0-	330,999.65
Scotland	25,245.00	15,804.00	4,685.00	112,343.67	-0-	3,146.00	-0-	161,223.67
Stanly	29,722.00	8,300.00	4,365.80	150,431.70	-0-	3,515.00	-0-	196,334.50
Stokes	17,000.00	9,204.56	1,651.00	93,062.25	-0-	144.00	-0-	121,061.81
Surry	41,373.00	33,636.02	4,957.00	198,113.81	543.00	4,367.00	385.00	283,374.83
Swain	5,572.50	2,803.00	1,235.00	38,510.50	-0-	294.00	-0-	48,415.00
Transylvania	12,880.00	11,259.40	4,617.00	69,051.50	-0-	1,428.00	-0-	99,235.90
Tyrrell	2,713.00	1,915.00	195.00	12,742.06	-0-	-0-	-0-	17,565.06
Union	36,405.00	25,876.00	9,647.00	172,384.74	-0-	4,100.00	-0-	248,412.74
Vance	31,384.00	12,830.00	3,226.00	159,111.09	-0-	1,998.00	-0-	208,549.09
Wake	233,111.50	50,229.43	26,804.07	1,236,882.31	3,456.00	68,661.04	195.00	1,619,339.35
Warren	13,510.00	8,895.00	2,096.00	86,043.59	-0-	278.00	-0-	110,822.59
Washington	8,894.00	6,324.00	1,065.00	38,908.00	-0-	386.00	-0-	55,577.00
Watauga	14,671.00	8,808.00	2,813.00	113,974.19	-0-	2,080.00	-0-	142,346.19
Wayne	62,839.90	18,806.00	4,152.00	626,655.19	1,404.00	8,463.00	-0-	722,320.09
Wilkes	42,001.71	19,385.00	7,180.43	188,000.84	-0-	656.00	-0-	257,223.98
Wilson	42,730.60	29,924.48	5,647.00	147,035.75	-0-	8,577.00	-0-	233,914.83
Yadkin	19,653.00	13,077.00	4,295.00	114,326.75	-0-	408.00	-0-	151,759.70
Yancey	5,366.00	4,415.00	1,355.00	28,756.00	-0-	196.00	-0-	40,088.00
State Totals	$3,879,236.00	$1,795,905.59	$515,445.80	$20,002,132.47	$192,425.50	$724,557.93	$12,587.50	$27,122,290.79

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Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents
July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Section 7A-450 *et seq*. These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Six of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: District 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged in juvenile petitions to be neglected or abused. By statute the guardian *ad litem* is a licensed attorney and is compensated for his services in the same way as compensation is provided for representation of an indigent person.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was $9,861,919 in the 1980-81 fiscal year, compared to $7,861,724 in the 1979-80 fiscal year, an increase of 25.4 percent. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 12.1% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1980-81 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents, for the fiscal year, July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981.

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Per Case
Assigned Private Counsel			
Adult cases (other than capital)	33,009	$5,933,997	$ 179.77
Capital cases	341	623,425	1,828.23
Juvenile cases	5,426	446,411	82.27
Guardian *ad litem* for juveniles	3,752	504,977	134.59
Appellate defender project	160	68,374	427.34
Totals	**42,688**	**$7,577,184**	**$ 177.50**
Public Defender Offices			
*District 3	451	$ 120,714	$ 267.66
District 12	2,360	358,853	152.06
District 18	2,959	439,266	148.45
District 26	5,364	455,444	84.91
District 27A	1,754	211,048	120.32
District 28	1,559	172,337	110.54
Totals	**14,447**	**$1,757,662**	**$ 121.66**

*District 3 office began operation 1/1/81

Special counsel at mental hospitals	$ 138,299
Transcripts, records and briefs	369,937
Medical examinations	3,888
Expert witness fees	14,949
GRAND TOTAL	**$9,861,919**

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Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was $138,299 for the 1980-81 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,627 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of $13.01.

The following presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1980-81. The total number of hearings held in 1980-81 represents a decrease of .7% compared to the 10,707 hearings held in 1979-80.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
Initial Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	889	1,022	417	948	3,276
Commitment to outpatient clinic	312	124	12	86	534
Discharge	2,195	1,357	540	823	4,915
Totals	**3,396**	**2,503**	**969**	**1,857**	**8,725**
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	91	120	86	313	610
Commitment to outpatient clinic	17	3	0	7	27
Discharge	82	46	23	79	230
Totals	**190**	**169**	**109**	**399**	**867**
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	111	282	262	223	878
Commitment to outpatient clinic	1	0	1	10	12
Discharge	18	20	11	13	62
Totals	**130**	**302**	**274**	**246**	**952**
Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	3	10	3	33	49
Commitment to outpatient clinic	16	1	0	0	17
Discharge	6	6	1	4	17
Totals	**25**	**17**	**4**	**37**	**83**
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	1,094	1,434	768	1,517	4,813
Commitment to outpatient clinic	346	128	13	103	590
Discharge	2,301	1,429	575	919	5,224
Grand Totals	**3,741**	**2,991**	**1,356**	**2,539**	10,627

The table which begins on the following page compares the number of assigned private counsel cases and expenditures in each county and judicial district for fiscal years 1979-80 and 1980-81. Again, there was a substantial increase in the number of cases for the State as a whole, from 34,734 cases in 1979-80 to 42,528 cases in 1980-81, an increase of 22.4 percent. Expenditures increased by 25.4 percent, from $5,989,716 in 1979-80 to $7,508,808 in 1980-81.

The largest district increase in the number of cases occurred in District 7, which had a total of 1,355 cases in 1979-80 as compared to 1,983 cases in 1980-81, an increase of 46.3 percent.

The largest district increase in the amount of expenditures for assigned private counsel cases occurred in District 26, which had expenditures of $157,983 in 1979-80 compared with $338,119 in 1980-81, an increase of 114 percent.

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Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 1979-80 and 1980-81

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1979-80	1980-81	% Increase or Decrease	1979-80	1980-81	% Increase or Decrease
District 1						
Camden	17	19	11.8	$ 4,822	$ 3,239	(32.8)
Chowan	91	114	25.3	17,078	21,696	27.0
Currituck	48	77	60.4	9,035	14,614	61.7
Dare	60	90	50.0	14,064	19,356	37.6
Gates	22	24	9.1	5,919	4,127	(30.3)
Pasquotank	184	312	69.6	33,162	48,852	47.3
Perquimans	64	64	-	12,469	13,672	9.6
District Totals	**486**	**700**	**44.0**	**$ 96,549**	**$ 125,556**	**30.0**
District 2						
Beaufort	221	278	25.8	$ 40,050	$ 49,226	22.9
Hyde	25	26	4.0	5,754	4,599	(20.1)
Martin	155	166	7.1	23,502	25,812	9.8
Tyrrell	31	14	(54.8)	7,954	1,935	(75.7)
Washington	98	106	8.2	13,138	15,200	15.7
District Totals	**530**	**590**	**11.3**	**$ 90,398**	**$ 96,771**	**7.1**
District 3						
Carteret	284	261	(8.1)	$ 61,708	$ 52,110	(15.6)
Craven	418	396	(5.3)	90,738	96,092	5.9
Pamlico	50	38	(24.0)	11,975	7,769	(35.1)
Pitt	888	671	(24.4)	190,721	130,689	(31.5)
District Totals	**1,640**	**1,366**	**(16.7)**	**$ 355,142**	**$ 286,660**	**(19.3)**
District 4						
Duplin	299	294	(1.7)	$ 80,303	$ 55,596	(30.8)
Jones	64	57	(10.9)	14,826	9,822	(33.8)
Onslow	677	701	3.5	145,078	166,940	15.1
Sampson	390	364	(6.7)	77,460	72,847	(6.0)
District Totals	**1,430**	**1,416**	**(1.0)**	**$ 317,667**	**$ 305,205**	**(4.0)**
District 5						
New Hanover	590	890	50.8	$ 145,205	$ 248,981	71.5
Pender	89	96	7.9	14,626	18,959	29.6
District Totals	**679**	**986**	**45.2**	**$ 159,831**	**$ 267,940**	**67.6**
District 6						
Bertie	161	202	25.5	$ 22,487	$ 29,728	32.2
Halifax	420	514	22.4	67,863	80,185	18.2
Hertford	197	208	5.6	25,073	28,189	12.4
Northampton	108	156	44.4	13,563	19,895	46.7
District Totals	**886**	**1,080**	**21.9**	**$ 128,986**	**$ 157,997**	**22.5**
District 7						
Edgecombe	427	638	49.4	$ 64,836	$ 131,319	102.5
Nash	430	558	29.8	69,296	108,874	57.1
Wilson	498	787	58.0	85,368	167,624	96.4
District Totals	**1,355**	**1,983**	**46.3**	**$ 219,500**	**$ 407,817**	**85.8**

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Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 1979-80 and 1980-81

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1979-80	1980-81		1979-80	1980-81	
District 8						
Greene	98	97	(1.0)	$ 15,709	$ 16,933	7.8
Lenoir	767	833	8.6	89,193	113,948	27.8
Wayne	864	971	12.4	339,916	210,139	(38.2)
District Totals	**1,629**	**1,901**	**9.9**	**$ 444,818**	**$ 341,020**	**(23.3)**
District 9						
Franklin	164	189	15.2	$ 28,641	$ 40,311	40.7
Granville	267	319	19.5	42,960	48,324	12.5
Person	164	228	39.0	25,490	38,820	52.3
Vance	260	329	26.5	41,674	59,654	43.1
Warren	78	117	50.0	18,435	19,051	3.3
District Totals	**933**	**1,182**	**26.7**	**$ 157,200**	**$ 206,160**	**31.1**
District 10						
Wake	**1,851**	**2,295**	**24.0**	**$ 314,816**	**$ 389,008**	**23.6**
District 11						
Harnett	296	410	38.5	$ 41,975	$ 69,421	65.4
Johnston	609	720	18.2	75,798	79,750	5.2
Lee	264	325	23.1	34,019	44,713	31.4
District Totals	**1,169**	**1,455**	**24.5**	**$ 151,792**	**$ 193,884**	**27.7**
District 12						
Cumberland	224	292	30.4	$ 65,633	$ 107,609	64.0
Hoke	16	29	81.3	2,275	5,169	127.2
District Totals	**240**	**321**	**33.8**	**$ 67,908**	**$ 112,778**	**66.1**
District 13						
Bladen	284	413	42.9	$ 34,371	$ 54,164	57.6
Brunswick	192	362	88.5	24,636	45,349	84.1
Columbus	508	626	23.2	61,093	76,360	25.0
District Totals	**989**	**1,401**	**41.7**	**$ 120,100**	**$ 175,873**	**46.4**
District 14						
Durham	**1,967**	**2,359**	**19.9**	**$ 278,449**	**$ 372,366**	**33.7**
District 15A						
Alamance	**782**	**822**	**5.1**	**$ 118,354**	**$ 127,540**	**7.8**
District 15B						
Chatham	133	175	31.6	$ 30,321	$ 37,949	25.2
Orange	516	674	30.6	89,180	120,308	34.9
District Totals	**649**	**849**	**30.8**	**$ 119,501**	**$ 158,257**	**32.4**

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Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 1979-80 and 1980-81

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1979-80	1980-81	% Increase or Decrease	1979-80	1980-81	% Increase or Decrease
District 16						
Robeson	963	1,134	17.8	$ 147,544	$ 157,998	7.1
Scotland	373	461	23.6	52,754	63,456	20.3
District Totals	**1,336**	**1,595**	**19.4**	**$ 200,298**	**$ 221,454**	**10.6**
District 17						
Caswell	176	188	13.6	$ 26,833	$ 37,864	41.1
Rockingham	680	742	6.8	97,879	116,879	19.4
Stokes	100	148	48.0	18,441	29,786	61.5
Surry	447	595	33.1	78,690	93,121	18.3
District Totals	**1,403**	**1,673**	**19.2**	**$ 221,843**	**$ 277,650**	**25.2**
District 18						
Guilford	**599**	**748**	**24.9**	**$ 203,227**	**$ 411,534**	**102.5**
District 19A						
Cabarrus	547	710	29.8	$ 130,049	$ 130,626	.4
Rowan	1,013	1,129	11.5	137,009	157,637	15.1
District Totals	**1,560**	**1,839**	**17.9**	**$ 267,058**	**$ 288,263**	**7.9**
District 19B						
Montgomery	219	218	(.5)	$ 37,759	$ 43,094	14.1
Randolph	389	514	32.1	63,203	101,085	59.9
District Totals	**608**	**732**	**20.4**	**$ 100,962**	**$ 144,179**	**42.8**
District 20						
Anson	204	214	4.9	$ 34,835	$ 36,491	4.8
Moore	427	579	35.6	53,787	72,179	34.2
Richmond	481	525	9.1	82,503	79,465	(3.7)
Stanly	334	464	38.9	46,827	82,977	77.2
Union	435	589	35.4	66,825	105,857	58.4
District Totals	**1,881**	**2,371**	**26.0**	**$ 284,777**	**$ 376,969**	**32.4**
District 21						
Forsyth	**2,714**	**2,954**	**8.8**	**$ 360,829**	**$ 409,994**	**13.6**
District 22						
Alexander	176	173	(1.7)	$ 24,070	$ 26,862	11.6
Davidson	515	732	42.1	77,195	123,185	59.6
Davie	162	176	8.6	25,672	21,591	(15.9)
Iredell	520	581	11.7	74,268	92,095	24.0
District Totals	**1,373**	**1,662**	**21.0**	**$ 201,205**	**$ 263,733**	**31.1**
District 23						
Alleghany	47	43	(8.5)	$ 5,850	$ 6,297	7.6
Ashe	106	132	24.5	13,684	16,685	21.9
Wilkes	312	372	19.2	38,632	46,742	21.0
Yadkin	141	183	29.8	15,519	19,561	26.0
District Totals	**606**	**730**	**20.5**	**$ 73,685**	**$ 89,285**	**21.2**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Years 1979-80 and 1980-81

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1979-80	**1980-81**	**% Increase or Decrease**	**1979-80**	**1980-81**	**% Increase or Decrease**
District 24						
Avery	126	135	7.1	$ 18,774	$ 23,282	24.0
Madison	96	113	17.7	16,420	17,789	8.3
Mitchell	65	86	32.3	8,168	21,216	159.8
Watauga	177	190	7.3	34,779	33,722	(3.0)
Yancey	25	83	232.0	3,087	12,288	298.1
District Totals	**489**	**607**	**24.1**	**$ 81,228**	**$ 108,297**	**33.3**
District 25						
Burke	426	627	47.2	$ 65,279	$ 103,297	58.2
Caldwell	471	640	35.9	67,449	88,371	31.0
Catawba	809	971	20.0	131,964	154,977	17.4
District Totals	**1,706**	**2,238**	**31.2**	**264,692**	**346,645**	**31.0**
District 26						
Mecklenburg	**622**	**1,503**	**141.6**	**$ 157,983**	**$ 338,119**	**114.0**
District 27A						
Gaston	**122**	**122**	-	**$ 31,547**	**$ 22,140**	**(29.8)**
District 27B						
Cleveland	320	491	53.4	$ 76,508	$105,808	38.3
Lincoln	237	232	(2.1)	36,534	45,504	24.6
District Totals	**557**	**723**	**29.8**	**$ 113,042**	**$ 151,312**	**33.9**
District 28						
Buncombe	**150**	**391**	**160.7**	**$ 23,968**	**$ 45,553**	**90.1**
District 29						
Henderson	326	341	4.6	$ 50,656	$ 47,729	(5.8)
McDowell	261	295	13.0	63,061	42,201	(33.1)
Polk	71	61	(14.1)	10,817	14,961	38.3
Rutherford	284	308	8.5	39,983	44,380	11.0
Transylvania	112	92	(17.9)	23,702	17,445	(26.4)
District Totals	**1,054**	**1,097**	**4.1**	**$ 188,219**	**$ 166,716**	**(11.4)**
District 30						
Cherokee	103	126	22.3	$ 12,771	$ 20,036	56.9
Clay	29	32	10.3	4,557	7,616	67.1
Graham	22	38	72.7	2,523	4,580	81.5
Haywood	260	311	19.6	28,950	53,749	85.7
Jackson	85	123	44.7	9,124	14,247	56.2
Macon	108	151	39.8	11,319	16,024	41.6
Swain	32	56	75.0	4,898	5,881	20.1
District Totals	**639**	**837**	**31.0**	**$ 74,142**	**$ 122,133**	**64.7**
State Totals	**34,734**	**42,528**	**22.4**	**$5,989,716**	**$7,508,808**	**25.4**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1981)

Positions Authorized		Salary ranges
	SUPREME COURT	
7	Justices	$54,288-$55,440
23	Staff personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff)	$ 9,612-$37,860
7	Secretarial personnel	$14,868-$15,540
	COURT OF APPEALS	
12	Judges	$51,396-$52,560
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks)	$ 8,076-$31,284
18	Secretarial personnel	$14,196-$14,868
	SUPERIOR COURT	
67	Judges	$45,636-$47,136
68	Staff personnel	$14,196-$23,556
36	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,820-$14,196
	DISTRICT COURT	
136	Judges	$36,960-$38,412
603	Magistrates	$ 9,456-$14,640
34	Staff personnel	$10,020-$14,196
6	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,820-$12,468
	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS	
33	District Attorneys	$42,456
260	Staff personnel	$13,000-$39,036
67	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,820-$14,196
	CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT	
100	Clerks of Superior Court	$15,024-$35,808
1367	Staff personnel	$ 7,764-$22,428
7	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,820-$13,572
	INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	
6	Public Defenders	$42,456
54	Staff personnel	$13,000-$39,036
19	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,820-$14,196
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals	$16,500-$21,420
4	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,820-$12,468
	JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE	
274	Court counselors	$11,432-$25,908
47	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,820-$14,196
	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts	$48,504
1	Assistant Director for Legal Services	$34,644
1	Assistant Director for Management Services	$44,772
98	Staff personnel	$ 9,204-$36,108

PART IV

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

- **Superior Court Division**
- **District Court Division**

TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections generally parallel each other in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are three basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions and pending) table; a table on the manner of dispositions; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year and ages of cases pending at the end of the year. Pending and age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, for civil cases (small claims) referred to magistrates, and for juvenile cases, inasmuch as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseflow during the 1980-81 year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload which was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1981 as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1980-81. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for each set of cases—those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included among ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending, or short-pending, cases.

Separate summary tables at the end of Part IV show the comparative rankings, for the 1980-81 year, in terms of percentage of disposition of caseloads for the 33 judicial district and the 100 counties.

The case statistics in Part IV have been calculated from filing and disposition case data submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is essentially a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. Pending case information is computer-calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate filing and disposition data.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against AOC's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, is necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resource in the clerks' offices is not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that some of the figures published in the following tables have errors of some degree. An example of such a situation is the 1980-81 data on the district court criminal non-motor vehicle case data for Mecklenburg County. The year-end pending figures published in this Report for Mecklenburg County are suspected to be higher than is actually the case, and the disposition figures published are suspected to be lower than the numbers actually disposed of in that county during 1980-81.

Another procedure in the reporting system that deserves comment is the count of reopened cases, applicable to all case types except motor vehicle criminal, civil magistrate (small claims), estates, and special proceedings. Reopened cases are included as part of the filing count; thus, the original case filing and a later reopening (such as retrial of a case) are counted as two cases filed even though only one case number (file) is involved. This procedure, of course, tends to inflate the actual case number count. This type of case count inflation is most apparent in domestic relations cases where post-disposition motions or petitions are common.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in a manual reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical with the number of published pending cases at the *beginning* of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions which occurred in the preceding year do not get reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data is regarded as being more complete reporting and is used, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's beginning-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.

TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

Closer monitoring of the statistical reporting system by AOC staff and the expanded efforts of the clerks of superior court in reporting in a more timely fashion have already alleviated some problems in the system. For example, the end-pending case counts for the 1979-80 fiscal year and the beginning-pending counts for the 1980-81 are in much closer agreement than such counts have been in recent years.

A committee composed of representative court personnel and AOC staff members has been formed to evaluate the existing reporting system and to make recommendations for further improvement. Some further qualitative improvements in the reporting and processing of case data under a *manual* system of reporting by the clerks of superior court can be expected.

PART IV, Section 1

Superior Court Division
Caseflow Data

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow during the 1980-81 year of cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's superior courts, that is, cases before superior court judges; and cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estates cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases and felony cases which are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts; and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts to superior courts, for trial *de novo*.

During 1980-81, as the bar graph on the following page illustrates, felony cases contributed the greatest proportion of all case filings (51.7%), misdemeanor appeals the second greatest proportion of all case filings (31.4%), with civil cases amounting to 16.9% of total case filings in the superior courts. These proportions of the three categories of cases are in line with the prevailing pattern in recent years.

As the following bar chart shows, there are significant differences among the case categories in the relationships between numbers of cases filed and disposed of during the year and the number of cases which remain pending at the end of the year. For the two criminal case categories (felonies and misdemeanor appeals), the numbers filed and disposed of during the year are considerably larger than the numbers pending at year's end. On the other hand, there are more civil cases pending at year's end than were filed or disposed of during the year. These summary figures suggest that the "typical" superior court civil case takes considerably longer to dispose of than the "typical" criminal case.

This conclusion is supported by the data on the ages of superior court cases pending on June 30, 1981 and ages of superior court cases disposed of during 1980-81. The second bar graph following presents median ages for each of the three case categories. The median age of superior court civil cases pending on June 30, 1981 is 284 days; the median age of felony cases pending on June 30, 1981 is 81 days; and that of misdemeanor appeals, 64 days. Similarly, the superior court civil cases disposed of during 1980-81 had a median age of 315 days at the time of their disposition, while the median age of the felony cases disposed of during the year was 71 days and the median age of the misdemeanor appeals at disposition was 64 days.

These differences in the median ages of cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions; and current North Carolina statutes prescribe that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the good causes specified in the statutes. No comparable "standard" for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for injury" in his lands, goods, person or reputation. (Article I, Section 18, N.C. Const.)

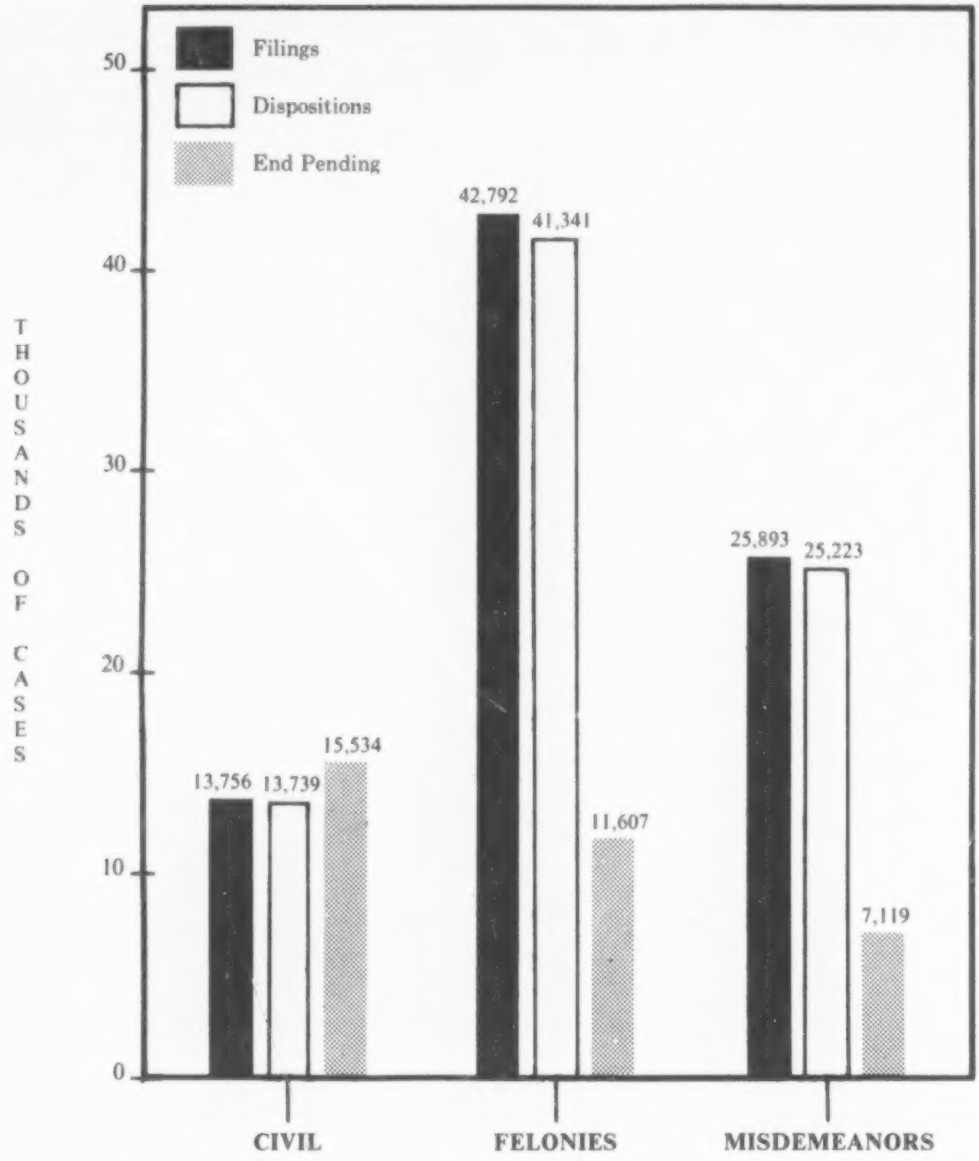
During the 1980-81 year, a statewide total of 82,441 cases of all types were filed in the superior courts, an increase of 7,544 cases (10.1%) over the 74,899 cases filed during the previous year. This is in line with the increase trend in filings in recent years.

As for the manner of dispositions, it is noteworthy that jury trials are involved in a low percentage of all dispositions: 742 civil cases (5.4%) out of a total of 13,739; 2,837 felony cases (6.9%) out of a total of 41,341; and 1,427 misdemeanor cases (5.7%) out of a total of 25,223 misdemeanor dispositions.

As the data tables show, pleas of guilty are entered in a majority of the criminal case dispositions.

SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

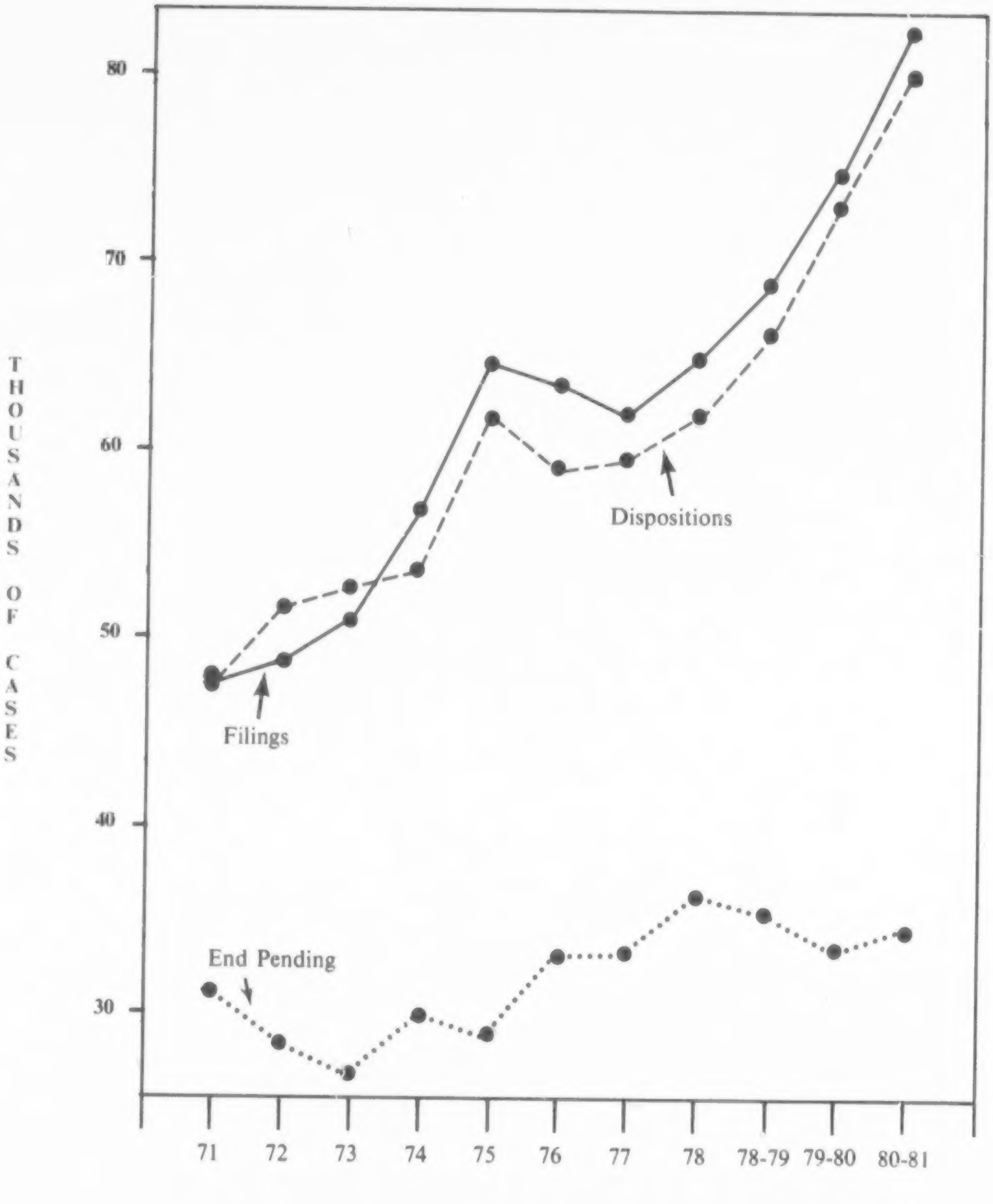
1980-81



Civil case dispositions rose 16.8% during the 1980-81 year to almost equal (99.9%) the number of civil cases filed during the same time period. Felony case filings in 1980-81 increased 16.2% over the 1979-80 filings, while felony dispositions in 1980-81 increased 14.3% over the 1979-80 period.

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

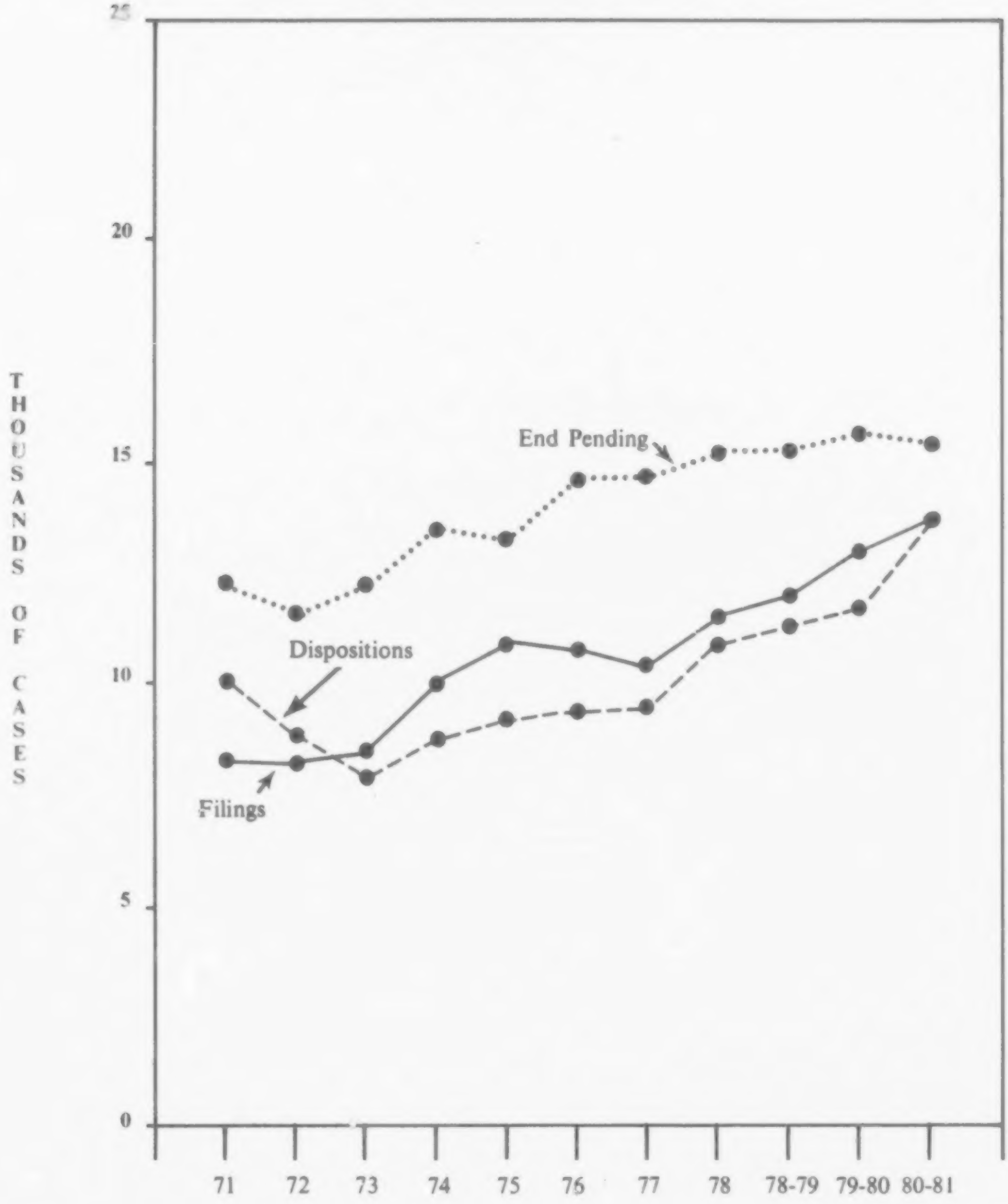
Caseload Trends In The Superior Courts
1971-1981



This graph portrays civil and criminal caseload in the superior courts. The 1980-81 filing and disposition counts follow the increasing trend of the last four years; no substantial trend is apparent for the pending caseload, but number of the superior court cases pending as of June 30, 1981 was of a larger magnitude than the number reported pending on June 30, 1980.

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

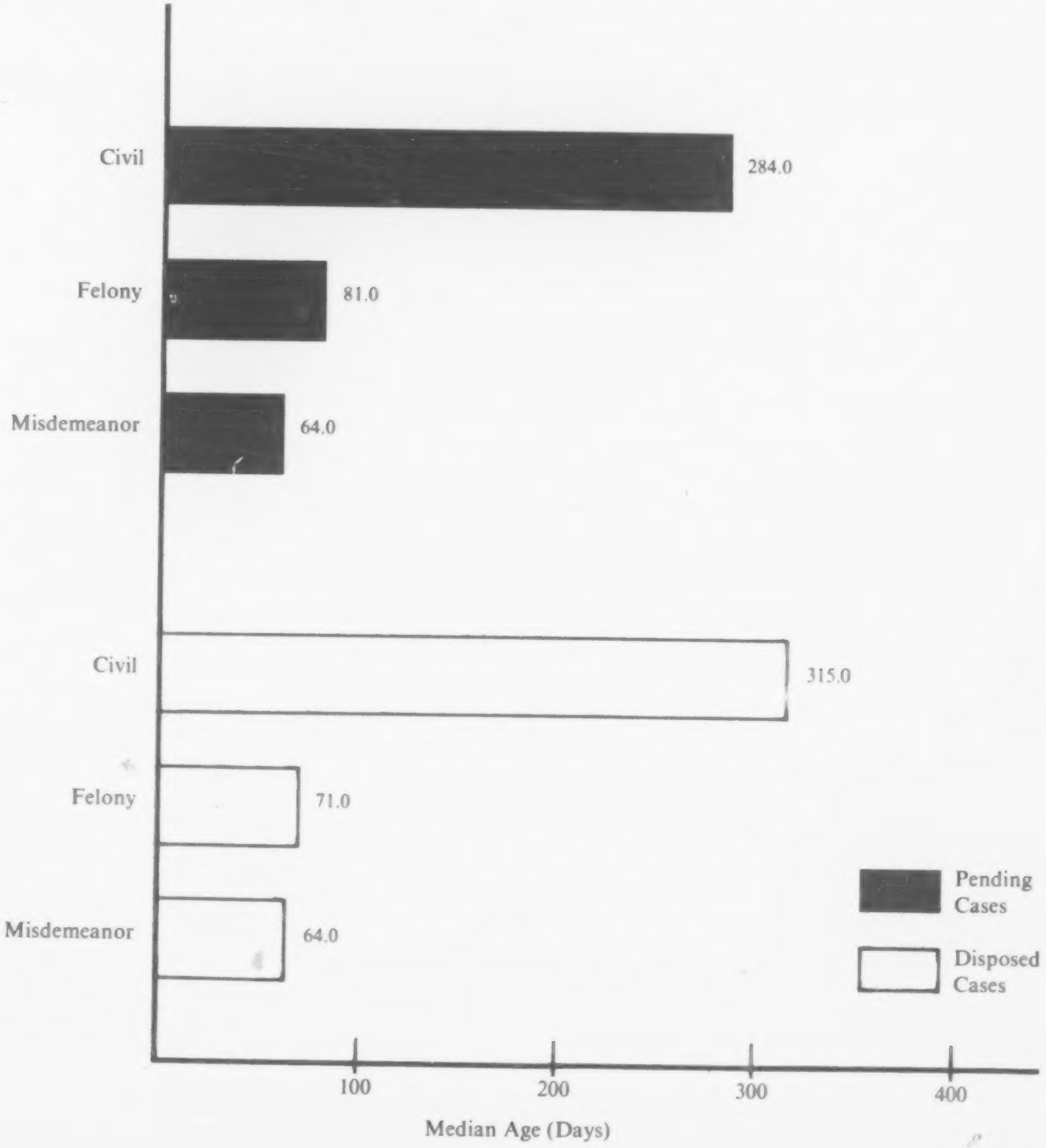
Caseload Trends Of Civil Cases In The Superior Courts 1971-1981



This graph shows trends in civil superior caseload for the last decade. The recent leveling of the pending case count is consistent with the increases in case dispositions that almost resulted in dispositions' overtaking filings during the 1980-81 year; only 17 more cases were filed than were disposed of during the last fiscal year.

LIFETIMES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

Median Ages Of Cases Pending 6/30/81 And Of Cases Disposed Of During 1980-81



The median age of a case category is that age with respect to which 50% of all cases in the category are younger and 50% of all cases are older; it is the 50th percentile of ages of all cases in the category. As shown in the above graph, the median age of all civil superior court cases disposed of during 1980-81 was 315 days and the median age of all criminal superior court cases disposed of during 1980-81 was less than 75 days, reflecting the very substantially greater time taken to process civil cases through the superior courts. A similar relationship exists with respect to the median ages of pending civil and criminal cases.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 1						
Camden	13	8	21	6	28.5	15
Chowan	34	28	62	27	43.5	35
Currituck	31	27	58	23	39.6	35
Dare	69	62	131	61	46.5	70
Gates	6	9	15	7	46.6	8
Pasquotank	40	81	121	63	52.0	58
Perquimans	18	40	58	21	36.2	37
District Totals	**211**	**255**	**466**	**208**	**44.6**	**258**
District 2						
Beaufort	74	55	129	77	59.6	52
Hyde	19	11	30	11	36.6	19
Martin	36	40	76	34	44.7	42
Tyrrell	5	7	12	4	33.3	8
Washington	40	26	66	43	65.1	23
District Totals	**174**	**139**	**313**	**169**	**53.9**	**144**
District 3						
Carteret	148	155	303	162	53.4	141
Craven	201	123	324	174	53.7	150
Pamlico	30	15	45	26	57.7	19
Pitt	206	223	429	210	48.9	219
District Totals	**585**	**516**	**1,101**	**572**	**51.9**	**529**
District 4						
Duplin	80	84	164	55	33.5	109
Jones	33	14	47	25	53.1	22
Onslow	148	137	285	114	40.0	171
Sampson	67	93	160	75	46.8	85
District Totals	**328**	**328**	**656**	**269**	**41.0**	**387**
District 5						
New Hanover	269	210	479	251	52.4	228
Pender	57	70	127	51	40.1	76
District Totals	**326**	**280**	**606**	**302**	**49.8**	**304**
District 6						
Bertie	36	40	76	31	40.7	45
Halifax	92	68	160	83	51.8	77
Hertford	47	58	105	52	49.5	53
Northampton	41	26	67	34	50.7	33
District Totals	**216**	**192**	**408**	**200**	**49.0**	**208**
District 7						
Edgecombe	98	75	173	92	53.1	81
Nash	176	114	290	149	51.3	141
Wilson	142	107	249	133	53.4	116
District Totals	**416**	**296**	**712**	**374**	**52.5**	**338**
District 8						
Greene	17	16	33	19	57.5	14
Lenoir	180	138	318	184	57.8	134
Wayne	178	230	408	198	48.5	210
District Totals	**375**	**384**	**759**	**401**	**52.8**	**358**
District 9						
Franklin	74	72	146	56	38.3	90
Granville	60	61	121	63	52.0	58
Person	71	31	102	50	49.0	52
Vance	123	39	162	90	55.5	72
Warren	74	25	99	54	54.5	45
District Totals	**402**	**228**	**630**	**313**	**49.6**	**317**

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 10						
Wake	**1,031**	**1,594**	**2,625**	**1,433**	**54.5**	**1,192**
District 11						
Harnett	152	102	254	126	49.6	128
Johnston	212	199	411	184	44.7	227
Lee	109	68	177	71	40.1	106
District Totals	**473**	**369**	**842**	**381**	**45.2**	**461**
District 12						
Cumberland	379	363	742	360	48.5	382
Hoke	17	10	27	13	48.1	14
District Totals	**396**	**373**	**769**	**373**	**48.5**	**396**
District 13						
Bladen	42	32	74	45	60.8	29
Brunswick	72	66	138	53	38.4	85
Columbus	153	111	264	131	49.6	133
District Totals	**267**	**209**	**476**	**229**	**48.1**	**247**
District 14						
Durham	**611**	**430**	**1,041**	**535**	**51.3**	**506**
District 15A						
Alamance	**179**	**150**	**329**	**138**	**41.9**	**191**
District 15B						
Chatham	62	41	103	64	62.1	39
Orange	155	153	308	155	50.3	153
District Totals	**217**	**194**	**411**	**219**	**53.2**	**192**
District 16						
Robeson	81	109	190	83	43.6	107
Scotland	30	28	58	21	36.2	37
District Totals	**111**	**137**	**248**	**104**	**41.9**	**144**
District 17						
Caswell	23	18	41	16	39.0	25
Rockingham	119	163	282	155	54.9	127
Stokes	27	17	44	23	52.2	21
Surry	144	107	251	159	63.3	92
District Totals	**313**	**305**	**618**	**353**	**57.1**	**265**
District 18 *Guilford*						
Greensboro	1,068	752	1,820	582	31.9	1,238
High Point	262	216	478	207	43.3	271
District Totals	**1,330**	**968**	**2,298**	**789**	**34.3**	**1,509**
District 19A						
Cabarrus	159	107	266	111	41.7	155
Rowan	112	152	264	115	43.5	149
District Totals	**271**	**259**	**530**	**226**	**42.6**	**304**
District 19B						
Montgomery	25	23	48	27	56.2	21
Randolph	111	136	247	112	45.3	135
District Totals	**136**	**159**	**295**	**139**	**47.1**	**156**

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 20						
Anson	86	44	130	40	30.7	90
Moore	189	90	279	117	41.9	162
Richmond	106	85	191	75	39.2	116
Stanly	66	32	98	38	38.7	60
Union	159	128	287	140	48.7	147
District Totals	**606**	**379**	**985**	**410**	**41.6**	**575**
District 21						
Forsyth	**826**	**666**	**1,492**	**826**	**55.3**	**666**
District 22						
Alexander	32	25	57	31	54.3	26
Davidson	160	169	329	181	55.0	148
Davie	20	37	57	29	50.8	28
Iredell	135	159	294	183	62.2	111
District Totals	**347**	**390**	**737**	**424**	**57.5**	**313**
District 23						
Alleghany	25	11	36	26	72.2	10
Ashe	58	12	70	37	52.8	33
Wilkes	174	152	326	146	44.7	180
Yadkin	25	25	50	22	44.0	28
District Totals	**282**	**200**	**482**	**231**	**47.9**	**251**
District 24						
Avery	26	26	52	34	65.3	18
Madison	34	27	61	41	67.2	20
Mitchell	43	27	70	47	67.1	23
Watauga	60	56	116	64	55.1	52
Yancey	63	26	89	41	46.0	48
District Totals	**226**	**162**	**388**	**227**	**58.5**	**161**
District 25						
Burke	179	159	338	128	37.8	210
Caldwell	167	164	331	157	47.4	174
Catawba	256	313	569	257	45.1	312
District Totals	**602**	**636**	**1,238**	**542**	**43.7**	**696**
District 26						
Mecklenburg	**2,335**	**1,856**	**4,191**	**1,730**	**41.2**	**2,461**
District 27A						
Gaston	**458**	**429**	**887**	**341**	**38.4**	**546**
District 27B						
Cleveland	156	155	311	171	54.9	140
Lincoln	62	63	125	80	64.0	45
District Totals	**218**	**218**	**436**	**251**	**57.5**	**185**
District 28						
Buncombe	**458**	**548**	**1,006**	**500**	**49.7**	**506**
District 29						
Henderson	130	112	242	87	35.9	155
McDowell	55	35	90	36	40.0	54
Polk	27	23	50	26	52.0	24
Rutherford	79	62	141	49	34.7	92
Transylvania	56	31	87	43	49.4	44
District Totals	**347**	**263**	**610**	**241**	**39.5**	**369**

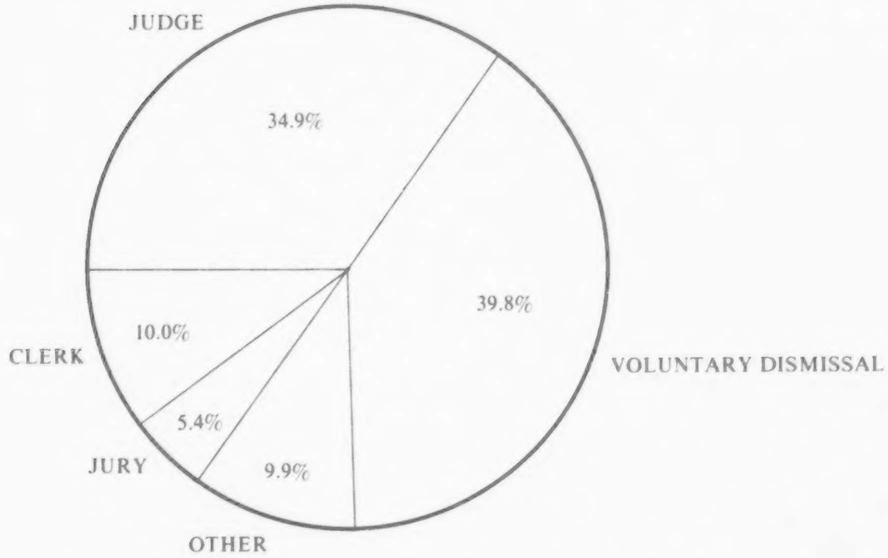
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 30						
Cherokee	42	28	70	38	54.2	32
Clay	9	10	19	6	31.5	13
Graham	17	11	28	10	35.7	18
Haywood	109	73	182	80	43.9	102
Jackson	151	59	210	72	34.2	138
Macon	66	43	109	53	48.6	56
Swain	50	20	70	30	42.8	40
District Totals	**444**	**244**	**688**	**289**	**42.0**	**399**
State Totals	**15,517**	**13,756**	**29,273**	**13,739**	**46.9**	**15,534**

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES

1980-81



The above graph of disposition methods for civil superior court cases during 1980-81 is very similar to the comparable graph for previous years. As in the past, voluntary dismissals represent the largest number of dispositions. The percentages computed for the disposition methods are approximately equal to the same percentages during the 1979-80 year.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1						
Camden	6	3	1	0	2	0
Chowan	27	8	4	5	10	0
Currituck	23	6	0	4	13	0
Dare	61	21	0	7	29	4
Gates	7	2	0	3	2	0
Pasquotank	63	17	6	23	7	10
Perquimans	21	8	0	9	4	0
District Totals	**208**	**65**	**11**	**51**	**67**	**14**
District 2						
Beaufort	77	23	5	5	32	12
Hyde	11	4	1	0	6	0
Martin	34	9	1	7	2	15
Tyrrell	4	3	0	1	0	0
Washington	43	11	2	3	23	4
District Totals	**169**	**50**	**9**	**16**	**63**	**31**
District 3						
Carteret	162	65	5	13	72	7
Craven	174	55	9	22	79	9
Pamlico	26	7	2	2	11	4
Pitt	210	69	7	31	96	7
District Totals	**572**	**196**	**23**	**68**	**258**	**27**
District 4						
Duplin	55	15	7	4	27	2
Jones	25	1	0	3	18	3
Onslow	114	32	5	18	58	1
Sampson	75	19	10	11	33	2
District Totals	**269**	**67**	**22**	**36**	**136**	**8**
District 5						
New Hanover	251	102	3	21	122	3
Pender	51	35	2	1	10	3
District Totals	**302**	**137**	**5**	**22**	**132**	**6**
District 6						
Bertie	31	8	2	3	17	1
Halifax	83	36	2	9	5	31
Hertford	52	13	5	7	27	0
Northampton	34	18	2	4	7	3
District Totals	**200**	**75**	**11**	**23**	**56**	**35**
District 7						
Edgecombe	92	41	1	5	44	1
Nash	149	54	7	13	73	2
Wilson	133	44	11	16	60	2
District Totals	**374**	**139**	**19**	**34**	**177**	**5**
District 8						
Greene	19	8	1	1	3	6
Lenoir	184	53	16	25	90	0
Wayne	198	69	10	22	95	2
District Totals	**401**	**130**	**27**	**48**	**188**	**8**
District 9						
Franklin	56	19	0	2	11	24
Granville	63	21	1	10	29	2
Person	50	14	5	5	19	7
Vance	90	32	1	1	51	5
Warren	54	9	1	2	33	9
District Totals	**313**	**95**	**8**	**20**	**143**	**47**

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 10						
Wake	**1,433**	**796**	**52**	**98**	**446**	**41**
District 11						
Harnett	126	42	11	4	67	2
Johnston	184	65	4	15	80	20
Lee	71	25	0	7	6	33
District Totals	**381**	**132**	**15**	**26**	**153**	**55**
District 12						
Cumberland	360	120	17	18	203	2
Hoke	13	3	0	1	7	2
District Totals	**373**	**123**	**17**	**19**	**210**	**4**
District 13						
Bladen	45	22	0	1	19	3
Brunswick	53	24	2	1	7	19
Columbus	131	45	11	12	63	0
District Totals	**229**	**91**	**13**	**14**	**89**	**22**
District 14						
Durham	**535**	**75**	**21**	**164**	**213**	**62**
District 15A						
Alamance	**138**	**32**	**7**	**6**	**84**	**9**
District 15B						
Chatham	64	28	8	8	16	4
Orange	155	51	12	2	78	12
District Totals	**219**	**79**	**20**	**10**	**94**	**16**
District 16						
Robeson	83	40	6	7	14	16
Scotland	21	14	0	1	6	0
District Totals	**104**	**54**	**6**	**8**	**20**	**16**
District 17						
Caswell	16	3	1	1	7	4
Rockingham	155	40	14	22	77	2
Stokes	23	13	1	0	9	0
Surry	159	40	15	10	71	23
District Totals	**353**	**96**	**31**	**33**	**164**	**29**
District 18 *Guilford*						
Greensboro	582	182	39	59	289	13
High Point	207	76	13	27	89	2
District Totals	**789**	**258**	**52**	**86**	**378**	**15**
District 19A						
Cabarrus	111	29	7	7	68	0
Rowan	115	30	9	6	68	2
District Totals	**226**	**59**	**16**	**13**	**136**	**2**
District 19B						
Montgomery	27	6	2	0	15	4
Randolph	112	40	7	6	55	4
District Totals	**139**	**46**	**9**	**6**	**70**	**8**
District 20						
Anson	40	18	4	5	13	0
Moore	117	45	7	10	16	39
Richmond	75	36	0	16	1	22
Stanly	38	15	0	1	22	0
Union	140	50	10	18	60	2
District Totals	**410**	**164**	**21**	**50**	**112**	**63**

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 21						
Forsyth	**826**	**260**	**42**	**89**	**420**	**15**
District 22						
Alexander	31	11	1	3	16	0
Davidson	181	69	9	10	68	25
Davie	29	10	3	1	13	2
Iredell	183	43	4	28	99	9
District Totals	**424**	**133**	**17**	**42**	**196**	**36**
District 23						
Alleghany	26	7	0	0	18	1
Ashe	37	16	10	0	11	0
Wilkes	146	47	5	11	80	3
Yadkin	22	4	3	2	12	1
District Totals	**231**	**74**	**18**	**13**	**121**	**5**
District 24						
Avery	34	15	0	3	6	10
Madison	41	19	4	0	18	0
Mitchell	47	9	3	8	21	6
Watauga	64	16	3	7	36	2
Yancey	41	14	5	0	14	8
District Totals	**227**	**73**	**15**	**18**	**95**	**26**
District 25						
Burke	128	43	15	10	60	0
Caldwell	157	40	13	16	41	47
Catawba	257	97	8	31	67	54
District Totals	**542**	**180**	**36**	**57**	**168**	**101**
District 26						
Mecklenburg	**1,730**	**488**	**83**	**186**	**402**	**571**
District 27A						
Gaston	**341**	**87**	**30**	**24**	**189**	**11**
District 27B						
Cleveland	171	45	8	20	92	6
Lincoln	80	28	2	12	37	1
District Totals	**251**	**73**	**10**	**32**	**129**	**7**
District 28						
Buncombe	**500**	**227**	**48**	**25**	**190**	**10**
District 29						
Henderson	87	37	7	4	38	1
McDowell	36	17	0	4	13	2
Polk	26	12	3	1	9	1
Rutherford	49	17	5	3	24	0
Transylvania	43	20	3	3	17	0
District Totals	**241**	**103**	**18**	**15**	**101**	**4**
District 30						
Cherokee	38	20	0	5	3	10
Clay	6	1	1	0	1	3
Graham	10	3	2	0	4	1
Haywood	80	35	0	6	37	2
Jackson	72	44	0	1	0	27
Macon	53	25	2	5	16	5
Swain	30	8	5	0	12	5
District Totals	**289**	**136**	**10**	**17**	**73**	**53**
State Totals	**13,739**	**4,793**	**742**	**1,369**	**5,473**	**1,362**

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)									Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 1																
Camden	15	430.9	427.0	2	0	5	6	2	6	243.2	198.0	2	1	1	2	0
Chowan	35	920.5	297.0	6	7	5	3	14	27	379.1	376.0	7	1	5	10	4
Currituck	35	499.7	355.0	3	4	11	9	8	23	288.1	174.0	9	3	4	5	2
Dare	70	468.1	322.5	11	7	19	20	13	61	393.6	232.0	12	13	14	11	11
Gates	8	384.1	352.0	2	1	1	3	1	7	306.7	254.0	3	0	3	0	1
Pasquotank	58	201.5	114.5	24	17	8	8	1	63	223.9	88.0	32	9	7	13	2
Pequimans	37	269.9	194.0	8	9	12	5	3	21	240.1	210.0	8	2	4	7	0
District Totals	**258**	**440.6**	**275.0**	**56**	**45**	**61**	**54**	**42**	**208**	**305.9**	**191.5**	**73**	**29**	**38**	**48**	**20**
District 2																
Beaufort	52	536.5	261.0	14	6	12	10	10	77	562.0	415.0	20	6	9	21	21
Hyde	19	528.4	530.0	2	3	3	5	6	11	441.8	277.0	1	1	4	2	3
Martin	42	450.3	278.0	12	4	11	9	6	34	418.3	337.0	8	7	2	7	10
Tyrrell	8	179.3	127.5	3	2	2	1	0	4	1122.8	1238.5	0	0	0	1	3
Washington	23	485.6	286.0	3	6	6	3	5	43	669.2	456.0	6	5	8	11	13
District Totals	**144**	**482.3**	**278.0**	**34**	**21**	**34**	**28**	**27**	**169**	**565.8**	**428.0**	**35**	**19**	**23**	**42**	**50**
District 3																
Carteret	141	265.4	221.0	49	15	39	33	5	162	363.1	283.0	37	18	38	50	19
Craven	150	430.2	270.0	34	22	30	34	30	174	536.8	425.0	21	22	32	53	46
Pamlico	19	333.4	328.0	6	1	3	7	2	26	408.7	365.0	5	0	8	8	5
Pitt	219	341.5	188.0	59	48	44	46	22	210	360.1	277.0	58	26	45	59	22
District Totals	**529**	**346.1**	**220.0**	**148**	**86**	**116**	**120**	**59**	**572**	**416.9**	**329.5**	**121**	**66**	**123**	**170**	**92**
District 4																
Duplin	109	477.2	229.0	34	14	22	19	20	55	476.7	394.0	9	7	11	19	9
Jones	22	455.7	331.0	4	3	5	5	5	25	656.7	487.0	0	6	3	8	8
Onslow	171	451.8	286.0	36	26	32	38	39	114	375.3	299.0	21	16	32	29	16
Sampson	85	339.3	196.0	19	19	26	13	8	75	318.9	177.0	22	16	14	14	9
District Totals	**387**	**434.5**	**241.0**	**93**	**62**	**85**	**75**	**72**	**269**	**406.5**	**307.0**	**52**	**45**	**60**	**70**	**42**
District 5																
New Hanover	228	429.5	313.5	49	35	49	47	48	251	486.8	403.0	47	25	45	73	61
Pender	76	462.7	308.0	12	7	34	10	13	51	542.1	491.0	9	5	8	10	19
District Totals	**304**	**437.8**	**308.0**	**61**	**42**	**83**	**57**	**61**	**302**	**496.1**	**412.5**	**56**	**30**	**53**	**83**	**80**
District 6																
Bertie	45	311.8	202.0	12	10	12	4	7	31	558.9	410.5	4	3	7	8	9
Halifax	77	431.6	277.0	12	12	26	18	15	83	461.0	302.0	19	8	21	14	21
Hertford	53	392.1	216.0	12	13	10	8	10	52	300.3	199.5	18	6	7	16	5
Northampton	33	434.3	354.0	8	3	7	10	5	34	403.7	298.0	6	4	9	10	5
District Totals	**208**	**396.0**	**251.5**	**44**	**38**	**49**	**40**	**37**	**200**	**424.7**	**299.0**	**47**	**21**	**44**	**48**	**40**

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 7																
Edgecombe	81	419.0	259.0	16	10	23	18	14	92	508.4	364.5	18	14	15	20	25
Nash	141	374.8	269.0	23	31	34	34	19	149	754.9	608.0	15	15	22	37	60
Wilson	116	365.0	291.5	27	13	29	33	14	133	488.6	302.0	36	12	23	28	34
District Totals	**338**	**382.0**	**270.5**	**66**	**54**	**86**	**85**	**47**	**374**	**599.6**	**429.0**	**69**	**41**	**60**	**85**	**119**
District 8																
Greene	14	117.6	79.0	7	4	2	1	0	19	410.3	329.0	3	4	6	3	3
Lenoir	134	296.4	185.0	38	28	26	33	9	184	415.9	363.0	39	17	37	60	31
Wayne	210	343.1	217.0	55	39	50	36	30	198	355.3	204.5	69	24	41	41	23
District Totals	**358**	**316.8**	**199.5**	**100**	**71**	**78**	**70**	**39**	**401**	**385.7**	**270.0**	**111**	**45**	**84**	**104**	**57**
District 9																
Franklin	90	556.4	336.0	18	9	29	14	20	56	523.2	238.5	17	7	6	14	12
Granville	58	360.3	271.0	9	11	17	10	11	63	418.9	229.0	19	5	16	9	14
Person	52	489.7	411.0	11	3	9	17	12	50	568.6	480.5	10	3	8	17	12
Vance	72	659.8	492.0	9	8	12	18	25	90	668.1	578.0	6	14	10	27	33
Warren	45	668.3	606.0	5	4	10	10	16	54	2187.2	2222.5	6	3	6	7	32
District Totals	**317**	**548.9**	**353.0**	**52**	**35**	**77**	**69**	**84**	**313**	**838.2**	**486.0**	**58**	**32**	**46**	**74**	**103**
District 10																
Wake	**1,192**	**267.3**	**203.0**	**346**	**202**	**314**	**260**	**70**	**1,433**	**263.6**	**128.0**	**580**	**247**	**215**	**277**	**114**
District 11																
Harnett	128	364.4	292.5	29	17	32	36	14	126	548.9	484.5	17	14	20	44	31
Johnson	227	434.1	329.0	44	28	54	58	43	184	496.4	239.0	65	18	25	32	44
Lee	106	487.8	427.0	16	10	17	40	23	71	534.5	269.0	19	11	8	13	20
District Totals	**461**	**427.1**	**332.0**	**89**	**55**	**103**	**134**	**80**	**381**	**520.9**	**321.5**	**101**	**43**	**53**	**89**	**95**
District 12																
Cumberland	382	349.0	239.0	97	65	88	81	51	360	422.4	350.0	68	43	73	108	68
Hoke	14	502.4	417.5	3	2	2	4	3	13	386.7	389.0	2	2	2	5	2
District Totals	**396**	**354.4**	**245.0**	**100**	**67**	**90**	**85**	**54**	**373**	**421.2**	**352.0**	**70**	**45**	**75**	**113**	**70**
District 13																
Bladen	29	288.8	263.0	8	2	9	8	2	45	392.0	343.0	11	3	10	15	6
Brunswick	85	376.8	206.0	19	20	17	12	17	53	634.8	489.0	8	3	8	19	15
Columbus	133	410.0	329.0	23	26	24	40	20	131	538.4	439.0	25	16	14	42	34
District Totals	**247**	**384.3**	**263.0**	**50**	**48**	**50**	**60**	**39**	**229**	**531.9**	**437.0**	**44**	**22**	**32**	**76**	**55**
District 14																
Durham	**506**	**417.4**	**328.5**	**84**	**82**	**109**	**157**	**74**	**535**	**551.4**	**480.0**	**97**	**56**	**69**	**165**	**148**

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 15A																
Alamance	**191**	**430.1**	**340.0**	**31**	**26**	**49**	**63**	**22**	**138**	**443.0**	**329.5**	**19**	**26**	**33**	**38**	**22**
District 15B																
Chatham	39	321.3	158.0	15	6	3	10	5	64	400.9	508.5	13	7	11	24	9
Orange	153	262.1	200.0	47	23	51	22	10	155	334.4	321.0	21	20	53	54	7
District Totals	**192**	**274.1**	**193.5**	**62**	**29**	**54**	**32**	**15**	**219**	**353.8**	**340.0**	**34**	**27**	**64**	**78**	**16**
District 16																
Robeson	107	356.6	251.0	28	8	34	25	12	83	278.3	180.0	27	15	20	14	7
Scotland	37	506.5	299.0	8	4	9	7	9	21	509.9	282.0	3	5	5	3	5
District Totals	**144**	**395.1**	**264.0**	**36**	**12**	**43**	**32**	**21**	**104**	**325.1**	**187.0**	**30**	**20**	**25**	**17**	**12**
District 17																
Caswell	25	439.7	339.0	4	2	7	7	5	16	478.8	560.0	1	2	4	6	3
Rockingham	127	259.9	200.0	39	22	41	17	8	155	355.7	281.0	32	20	45	49	9
Stokes	21	383.2	321.0	3	2	8	5	3	23	475.0	491.0	4	2	4	7	6
Surry	92	291.5	230.0	23	17	20	27	5	159	384.6	384.0	25	17	35	73	9
District Totals	**265**	**297.6**	**238.0**	**69**	**43**	**76**	**56**	**21**	**353**	**382.0**	**343.0**	**62**	**41**	**88**	**135**	**27**
District 18																
Guilford																
Greensboro	1,238	578.9	416.5	189	135	229	338	347	582	585.8	301.5	136	90	93	120	143
High Point	271	585.4	340.0	44	42	56	54	75	207	682.4	306.0	48	31	35	33	60
District Totals	**1,509**	**580.1**	**404.0**	**233**	**177**	**285**	**392**	**422**	**789**	**611.1**	**302.0**	**184**	**121**	**128**	**153**	**203**
District 19A																
Cabarrus	155	412.8	308.0	24	22	43	42	24	111	596.7	607.0	13	16	16	24	42
Rowan	149	277.7	216.0	39	29	37	36	8	115	394.8	294.0	30	13	18	36	18
District Totals	**304**	**346.6**	**272.5**	**63**	**51**	**80**	**78**	**32**	**226**	**494.0**	**407.5**	**43**	**29**	**34**	**60**	**60**
District 19B																
Montgomery	21	354.2	234.0	3	3	9	3	3	27	495.4	427.0	4	3	5	8	7
Randolph	135	304.7	223.0	24	33	38	31	9	112	336.4	263.5	31	12	29	25	15
District Totals	**156**	**311.4**	**226.0**	**27**	**36**	**47**	**34**	**12**	**139**	**367.3**	**280.0**	**35**	**15**	**34**	**33**	**22**
District 20																
Anson	90	677.8	445.5	15	12	8	25	30	40	631.0	364.0	7	4	9	7	13
Moore	162	489.7	435.0	19	19	26	60	38	117	520.4	482.0	22	11	16	37	31
Richmond	116	447.4	340.5	17	12	34	33	20	75	485.5	370.0	17	5	15	18	20
Stanly	60	532.8	421.5	6	5	14	23	12	38	883.2	747.5	5	2	5	7	19
Union	147	432.8	283.0	26	24	39	34	24	140	427.9	333.5	29	13	35	36	27
District Totals	**575**	**500.6**	**383.0**	**83**	**72**	**121**	**175**	**124**	**410**	**526.8**	**394.0**	**80**	**35**	**80**	**105**	**110**

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 21																
Forsyth	**666**	**366.8**	**274.5**	**134**	**114**	**167**	**166**	**85**	**826**	**469.3**	**355.5**	**163**	**79**	**179**	**245**	**160**
District 22																
Alexander	26	259.7	168.5	6	7	3	10	0	31	283.3	280.0	5	4	15	7	0
Davidson	148	242.4	205.0	37	31	51	23	6	181	331.0	329.0	38	17	49	67	10
Davie	28	280.1	279.0	5	4	10	9	0	29	211.0	87.0	15	2	7	3	2
Iredell	111	277.7	179.0	25	31	30	18	7	183	296.5	237.0	57	19	44	52	11
District Totals	**313**	**259.7**	**207.0**	**73**	**73**	**94**	**60**	**13**	**424**	**304.4**	**290.0**	**115**	**42**	**115**	**129**	**23**
District 23																
Alleghany	10	263.6	251.0	2	0	5	3	0	26	387.9	371.0	1	4	8	11	2
Ashe	33	623.1	475.0	2	2	5	11	13	37	809.4	938.0	3	1	2	7	24
Wilkes	180	314.2	297.5	35	21	54	64	6	146	393.1	370.0	35	11	27	57	16
Yadkin	28	220.3	215.0	11	2	9	6	0	22	394.5	343.5	2	3	7	7	3
District Totals	**251**	**342.3**	**312.0**	**50**	**25**	**73**	**84**	**19**	**231**	**459.3**	**429.0**	**41**	**19**	**44**	**82**	**45**
District 24																
Avery	18	420.3	216.5	4	3	6	2	3	34	296.3	256.0	10	1	12	8	3
Madison	20	288.8	183.0	6	4	6	1	3	41	318.9	285.0	6	4	18	11	2
Mitchell	23	350.0	313.0	6	3	5	7	2	47	377.3	242.0	10	4	20	6	7
Watauga	52	292.2	189.0	10	15	11	12	4	64	367.0	296.5	15	5	18	21	5
Yancey	48	438.0	482.0	4	3	11	29	1	41	321.2	275.0	7	4	14	16	0
District Totals	**161**	**357.8**	**272.0**	**30**	**28**	**39**	**51**	**13**	**227**	**341.4**	**268.0**	**48**	**18**	**82**	**62**	**17**
District 25																
Burke	210	698.7	342.5	26	36	47	26	75	128	313.5	232.5	40	19	29	28	12
Caldwell	174	338.1	252.5	45	29	37	45	18	157	303.7	247.0	30	25	58	32	12
Catawba	312	268.1	196.5	97	50	77	63	25	257	331.3	290.0	59	30	67	93	8
District Totals	**696**	**415.5**	**251.0**	**168**	**115**	**161**	**134**	**118**	**542**	**319.1**	**267.0**	**129**	**74**	**154**	**153**	**32**
District 26																
Mecklenburg	**2,461**	**399.5**	**327.0**	**472**	**341**	**506**	**755**	**387**	**1,730**	**465.0**	**351.0**	**374**	**229**	**276**	**434**	**417**
District 27A																
Gaston	**546**	**415.6**	**294.0**	**91**	**94**	**122**	**153**	**86**	**341**	**451.9**	**340.0**	**67**	**47**	**63**	**104**	**60**
District 27B																
Cleveland	140	299.1	201.5	37	24	41	26	12	171	364.7	288.0	37	23	39	47	25
Lincoln	45	249.9	158.0	12	13	8	11	1	80	295.3	273.5	21	7	16	33	3
District Totals	**185**	**287.1**	**195.0**	**49**	**37**	**49**	**37**	**13**	**251**	**342.6**	**283.0**	**58**	**30**	**55**	**80**	**28**
District 28																
Buncombe	**506**	**303.5**	**207.0**	**118**	**110**	**135**	**93**	**50**	**500**	**313.9**	**264.5**	**101**	**90**	**131**	**149**	**29**

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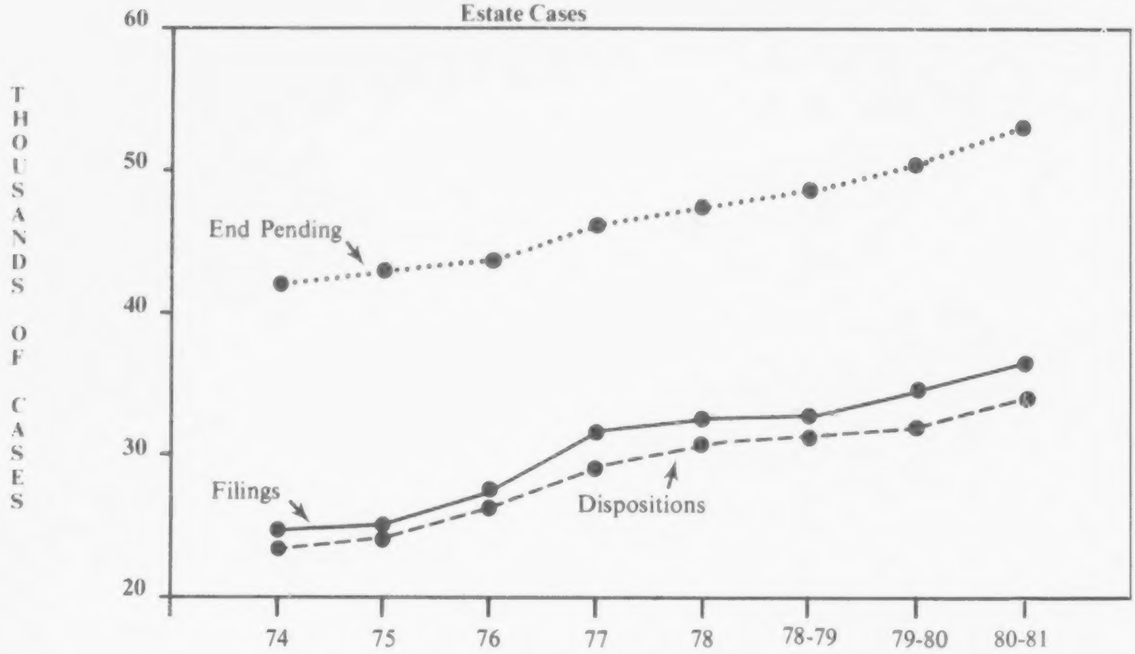
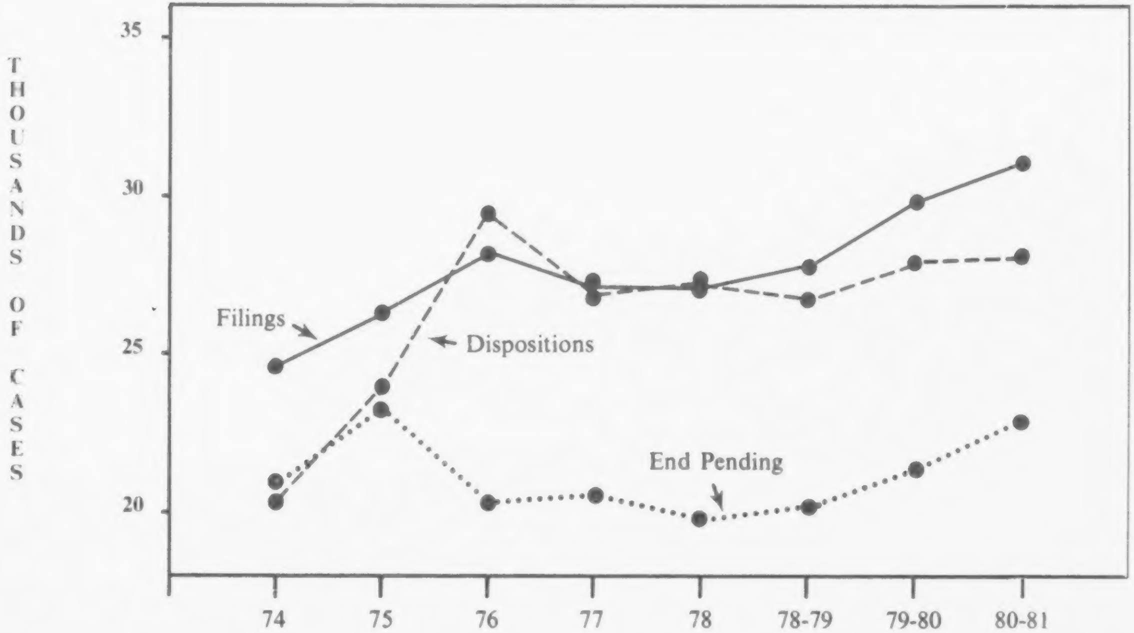
	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 29																
Henderson	155	398.3	313.0	33	15	40	50	17	87	447.6	355.0	18	10	17	24	18
McDowell	54	515.9	328.0	7	7	14	13	13	36	432.2	389.5	6	3	7	15	5
Polk	24	335.8	202.0	3	3	11	4	3	26	482.8	547.0	4	3	5	7	7
Rutherford	92	355.0	348.0	10	20	20	35	7	49	412.6	393.0	8	6	8	19	8
Transylvania	44	414.5	326.0	6	6	12	15	5	43	628.3	495.0	3	5	11	10	14
District Totals	**369**	**402.6**	**314.0**	**59**	**51**	**97**	**117**	**45**	**241**	**474.2**	**387.0**	**39**	**27**	**48**	**75**	**52**
District 30																
Cherokee	32	409.2	306.5	8	5	5	10	4	38	590.0	378.0	6	3	10	9	10
Clay	13	343.2	189.0	4	2	3	1	3	6	440.3	299.0	1	0	3	1	1
Graham	18	385.1	405.0	6	1	0	8	3	10	496.7	508.5	0	2	3	1	4
Haywood	102	415.4	369.0	17	16	18	32	19	80	455.9	468.5	17	8	9	32	14
Jackson	138	602.6	549.0	5	19	24	50	40	72	767.8	867.0	10	5	7	13	37
Macon	56	512.5	384.0	5	9	12	19	11	53	663.4	387.0	14	4	6	15	14
Swain	40	412.9	392.0	2	7	7	23	1	30	495.7	466.0	4	2	5	14	5
District Totals	**399**	**489.3**	**392.0**	**47**	**59**	**69**	**143**	**81**	**289**	**594.5**	**483.0**	**52**	**24**	**43**	**85**	**85**
State Totals	**15,534**	**401.4**	**284.0**	**3,218**	**2,401**	**3,602**	**3,949**	**2,364**	**13,739**	**441.2**	**315.0**	**3,188**	**1,734**	**2,651**	**3,661**	**2,505**

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
Caseload Trends In Estates And Special Proceedings
1974-81

Estate Cases



Special Proceeding Cases



A steadily increasing trend has been established for the estate caseload over the past eight years. Special proceedings filings showed a 5% increase from the 1979-80 year to the 1980-81 year; 31,294 cases were filed during 1980-81 as compared to 29,830 during the 1979-80 year.

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	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 1												
Camden	38	65	103	52	50.4	51	12	11	23	11	47.8	12
Chowan	176	108	284	83	29.2	201	92	51	143	47	32.8	96
Currituck	128	81	209	76	36.3	133	76	70	146	97	66.4	49
Dare	430	117	547	83	15.1	464	80	68	148	65	43.9	83
Gates	108	33	141	97	68.7	44	33	23	56	41	73.2	15
Pasquotank	222	241	463	209	45.1	254	54	93	147	77	52.3	70
Perquimans	144	90	234	77	32.9	157	42	34	76	48	63.1	28
District Totals	**1,246**	**735**	**1,981**	**677**	**34.1**	**1,304**	**389**	**350**	**739**	**386**	**52.2**	**353**
District 2												
Beaufort	525	359	884	345	39.0	539	413	121	534	120	22.4	414
Hyde	65	57	122	62	50.8	60	31	29	60	29	48.3	31
Martin	246	165	411	164	39.9	247	91	132	223	85	38.1	138
Tyrrell	33	23	56	27	48.2	29	18	13	31	22	70.9	9
Washington	120	107	227	88	38.7	139	47	77	124	70	56.4	54
District Totals	**989**	**711**	**1,700**	**686**	**40.3**	**1,014**	**600**	**372**	**972**	**326**	**33.5**	**646**
District 3												
Carteret	351	268	619	261	42.1	358	136	148	284	164	57.7	120
Craven	483	376	859	336	39.1	523	218	292	510	329	64.5	181
Pamlico	74	64	138	48	34.7	90	37	27	64	27	42.1	37
Pitt	589	523	1,112	521	46.8	591	139	471	610	462	75.7	148
District Totals	**1,497**	**1,231**	**2,728**	**1,166**	**42.7**	**1,562**	**530**	**938**	**1,468**	**982**	**66.8**	**486**
District 4												
Duplin	393	319	712	277	38.9	435	420	253	673	119	17.6	554
Jones	57	82	139	69	49.6	70	56	47	103	38	36.8	65
Onslow	485	272	757	321	42.4	436	368	597	965	610	63.2	355
Sampson	372	393	765	323	42.2	442	149	230	379	216	56.9	163
District Totals	**1,307**	**1,066**	**2,373**	**990**	**41.7**	**1,383**	**993**	**1,127**	**2,120**	**983**	**46.3**	**1,137**
District 5												
New Hanover	1,071	707	1,778	610	34.3	1,168	459	768	1,227	762	62.1	465
Pender	164	151	315	133	42.2	182	167	115	282	154	54.6	128
District Totals	**1,235**	**858**	**2,093**	**743**	**35.4**	**1,350**	**626**	**883**	**1,509**	**916**	**60.7**	**593**
District 6												
Bertie	200	184	384	170	44.2	214	66	89	155	69	44.5	86
Halifax	536	381	917	340	37.0	577	428	325	753	283	37.5	470
Hertford	179	177	356	138	38.7	218	114	93	207	85	41.0	122
Northampton	205	174	379	190	50.1	189	97	88	185	106	57.2	79
District Totals	**1,120**	**916**	**2,036**	**838**	**41.1**	**1,198**	**705**	**595**	**1,300**	**543**	**41.7**	**757**
District 7												
Edgecombe	396	363	759	363	47.8	396	184	256	440	221	50.2	219
Nash	495	389	884	366	41.4	518	320	234	554	191	34.4	363
Wilson	518	425	943	361	38.2	582	241	419	660	335	50.7	325
District Totals	**1,409**	**1,177**	**2,586**	**1,090**	**42.1**	**1,496**	**745**	**909**	**1,654**	**747**	**45.1**	**907**
District 8												
Greene	108	120	228	120	52.6	108	89	71	160	70	43.7	90
Lenoir	395	438	833	426	51.1	407	295	437	732	414	56.5	318
Wayne	792	620	1,412	528	37.3	884	340	852	1,192	823	69.0	369
District Totals	**1,295**	**1,178**	**2,473**	**1,074**	**43.4**	**1,399**	**724**	**1,360**	**2,084**	**1,307**	**62.7**	**777**

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	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 9												
Franklin	350	228	578	203	35.1	375	169	169	338	163	48.2	175
Granville	270	239	509	255	50.0	254	119	322	441	321	72.7	120
Person	275	157	432	148	34.2	284	159	145	304	106	34.8	198
Vance	346	260	606	269	44.3	337	122	171	293	157	53.5	136
Warren	229	184	413	149	36.0	264	147	91	238	84	35.2	154
District Totals	**1,470**	**1,068**	**2,538**	**1,024**	**40.3**	**1,514**	**716**	**898**	**1,614**	**831**	**51.4**	**783**
District 10												
Wake	**2,781**	**1,432**	**4,213**	**1,354**	**32.1**	**2,859**	**980**	**1,135**	**2,115**	**1,080**	**51.0**	**1,035**
District 11												
Harnett	435	342	777	323	41.5	454	351	219	570	205	35.9	365
Johnston	701	515	1,216	517	42.5	699	214	612	826	592	71.6	234
Lee	417	262	679	214	31.5	465	256	179	435	136	31.2	299
District Totals	**1,553**	**1,119**	**2,672**	**1,054**	**39.4**	**1,618**	**821**	**1,010**	**1,831**	**933**	**50.9**	**898**
District 12												
Cumberland	762	735	1,497	723	48.2	774	421	1,308	1,729	1,234	71.3	495
Hoke	124	95	219	85	38.8	134	44	88	132	76	57.5	56
District Totals	**886**	**830**	**1,716**	**808**	**47.0**	**908**	**465**	**1,396**	**1,861**	**1,310**	**70.3**	**551**
District 13												
Bladen	140	122	262	133	50.7	129	79	160	239	186	77.8	53
Brunswick	254	278	532	310	58.2	222	391	260	651	459	70.5	192
Columbus	393	299	692	285	41.1	407	352	219	571	153	26.7	418
District Totals	**787**	**699**	**1,486**	**728**	**48.9**	**758**	**822**	**639**	**1,461**	**798**	**54.6**	**663**
District 14												
Durham	**1,692**	**949**	**2,641**	**996**	**37.7**	**1,645**	**338**	**860**	**1,198**	**848**	**70.7**	**350**
District 15A												
Alamance	**629**	**731**	**1,360**	**623**	**45.8**	**737**	**234**	**504**	**738**	**445**	**60.2**	**293**
District 15B												
Chatham	266	213	479	177	36.9	302	89	114	203	87	42.8	116
Orange	660	427	1,087	306	28.1	781	335	571	906	489	53.9	417
District Totals	**926**	**640**	**1,566**	**483**	**30.8**	**1,083**	**424**	**685**	**1,109**	**576**	**51.9**	**533**
District 16												
Robeson	519	547	1,066	536	50.2	530	243	449	692	394	56.9	298
Scotland	237	208	445	177	39.7	268	150	152	302	136	45.0	166
District Totals	**756**	**755**	**1,511**	**713**	**47.1**	**798**	**393**	**601**	**994**	**530**	**53.3**	**464**
District 17												
Caswell	178	104	282	111	39.3	171	106	77	183	65	35.5	118
Rockingham	735	650	1,385	591	42.6	794	378	327	705	265	37.5	440
Stokes	184	168	352	148	42.0	204	75	125	200	124	62.0	76
Surry	479	404	883	282	31.9	601	130	295	425	270	63.5	155
District Totals	**1,576**	**1,326**	**2,902**	**1,132**	**39.0**	**1,770**	**689**	**824**	**1,513**	**724**	**47.8**	**789**
District 18												
Guilford	**2,598**	**1,980**	**4,578**	**1,781**	**38.9**	**2,797**	**627**	**1,892**	**2,519**	**1,643**	**65.2**	**876**
District 19A												
Cabarrus	696	630	1,326	531	40.0	795	207	397	604	349	57.7	255
Rowan	923	860	1,783	730	40.9	1,053	248	890	1,138	750	65.9	388
District Totals	**1,619**	**1,490**	**3,109**	**1,261**	**40.5**	**1,848**	**455**	**1,287**	**1,742**	**1,099**	**63.0**	**643**

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	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 19B												
Montgomery	226	135	361	136	37.6	225	123	159	282	182	64.5	100
Randolph	569	517	1,086	529	48.7	557	201	339	540	338	62.5	202
District Totals	**795**	**652**	**1,447**	**665**	**45.9**	**782**	**324**	**498**	**822**	**520**	**63.2**	**302**
District 20												
Anson	473	176	649	149	22.9	500	114	52	166	41	24.6	125
Moore	656	460	1,116	366	32.7	750	136	258	394	254	64.4	140
Richmond	655	341	996	275	27.6	721	382	206	588	126	21.4	462
Stanly	993	328	1,321	259	19.6	1,062	262	286	548	243	44.3	305
Union	532	348	880	317	36.0	563	177	284	461	228	49.4	233
District Totals	**3,309**	**1,653**	**4,962**	**1,366**	**27.5**	**3,596**	**1,071**	**1,086**	**2,157**	**892**	**41.3**	**1,265**
District 21												
Forsyth	**1,901**	**1,474**	**3,375**	**1,434**	**42.4**	**1,941**	**295**	**1,417**	**1,712**	**1,439**	**84.0**	**273**
District 22												
Alexander	118	115	233	103	44.2	130	106	132	238	136	57.1	102
Davidson	778	642	1,420	623	43.8	797	160	406	566	303	53.5	263
Davie	110	178	288	138	47.9	150	40	122	162	91	56.1	71
Iredell	673	616	1,289	583	45.2	706	150	399	549	419	76.3	130
District Totals	**1,679**	**1,551**	**3,230**	**1,447**	**44.7**	**1,783**	**456**	**1,059**	**1,515**	**949**	**62.6**	**566**
District 23												
Alleghany	93	95	188	91	48.4	97	16	65	81	59	72.8	22
Ashe	161	154	315	176	55.8	139	43	105	148	112	75.6	36
Wilkes	297	260	557	224	40.2	333	213	357	570	242	42.4	328
Yadkin	227	224	451	173	38.3	278	61	143	204	137	67.1	67
District Totals	**778**	**733**	**1,511**	**664**	**43.9**	**847**	**333**	**670**	**1,003**	**550**	**54.8**	**453**
District 24												
Avery	129	87	216	92	42.5	124	72	109	181	104	57.4	77
Madison	151	77	228	76	33.3	152	99	52	151	85	56.2	66
Mitchell	370	138	508	97	19.0	411	65	99	164	83	50.6	81
Watauga	250	151	401	144	35.9	257	97	174	271	153	56.4	118
Yancey	124	103	227	112	49.3	115	49	75	124	64	51.6	60
District Totals	**1,024**	**556**	**1,580**	**521**	**32.9**	**1,059**	**382**	**509**	**891**	**489**	**54.8**	**402**
District 25												
Burke	609	375	984	339	34.4	645	171	529	700	497	71.0	203
Caldwell	578	423	1,001	360	35.9	641	472	332	804	345	42.9	459
Catawba	1,042	607	1,649	590	35.7	1,059	316	452	768	402	52.3	366
District Totals	**2,229**	**1,405**	**3,634**	**1,289**	**35.4**	**2,345**	**959**	**1,313**	**2,272**	**1,244**	**54.7**	**1,028**
District 26												
Mecklenburg	**3,570**	**2,597**	**6,167**	**2,595**	**42.0**	**3,572**	**1,294**	**2,130**	**3,424**	**1,765**	**51.5**	**1,659**
District 27A												
Gaston	**1,412**	**918**	**2,330**	**708**	**30.3**	**1,622**	**710**	**1,008**	**1,718**	**895**	**52.0**	**823**
District 27B												
Cleveland	469	507	976	481	49.2	495	107	536	643	514	79.9	129
Lincoln	256	282	538	260	48.3	278	53	222	275	187	68.0	88
District Totals	**725**	**789**	**1,514**	**741**	**48.9**	**773**	**160**	**758**	**918**	**701**	**76.3**	**217**
District 28												
Buncombe	**2,090**	**1,298**	**3,388**	**1,276**	**37.6**	**2,112**	**648**	**971**	**1,619**	**862**	**53.2**	**757**

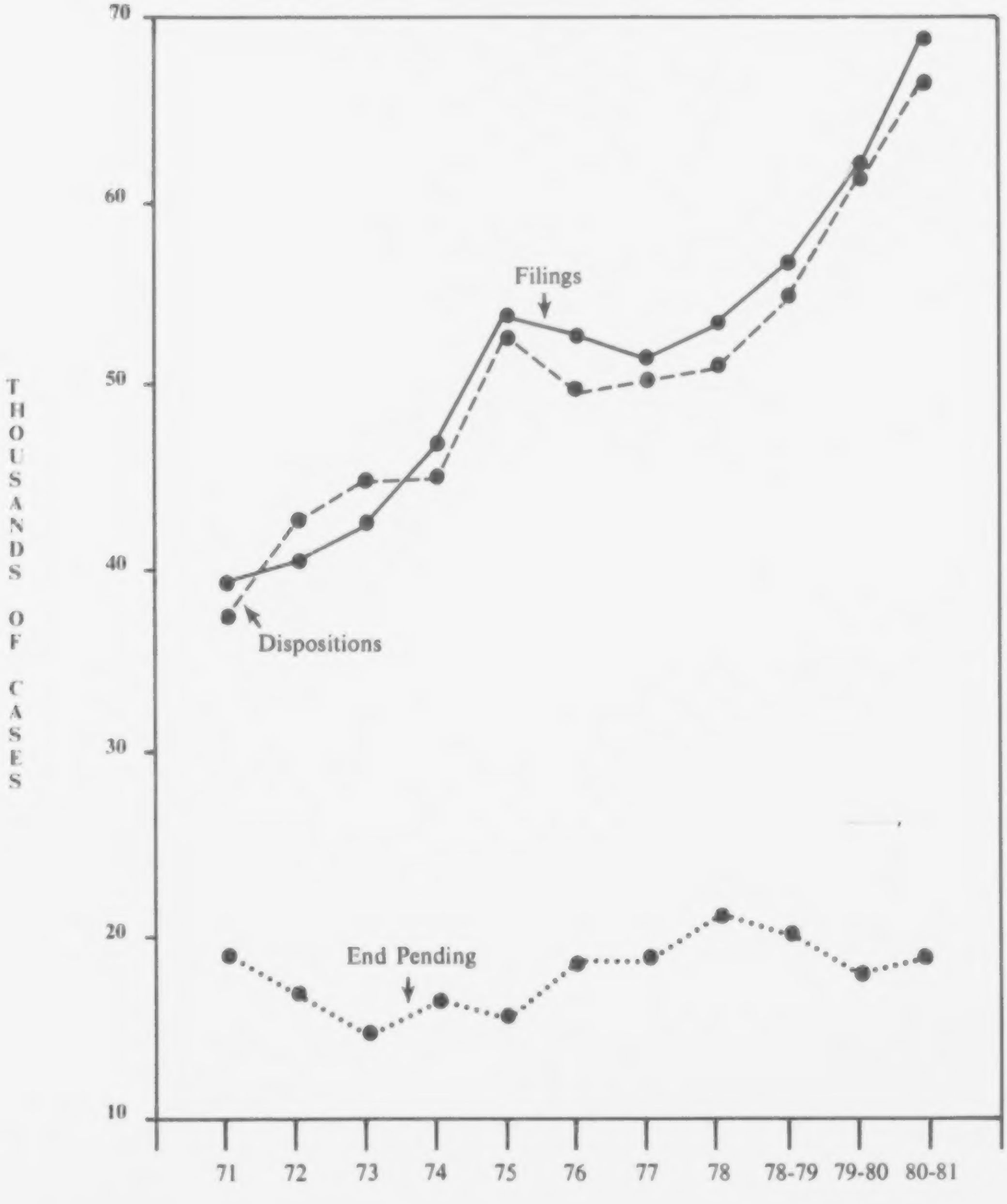
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 29												
Henderson	513	493	1,006	426	42.3	580	108	264	372	259	69.6	113
McDowell	240	213	453	142	31.3	311	162	180	342	135	39.4	207
Polk	203	141	344	133	38.6	211	26	54	80	58	72.5	22
Rutherford	398	364	762	319	41.8	443	162	359	521	253	48.5	268
Translyvania	344	182	526	136	25.8	390	161	88	249	69	27.7	180
District Totals	**1,698**	**1,393**	**3,091**	**1,156**	**37.3**	**1,935**	**619**	**945**	**1,564**	**774**	**49.4**	**790**
District 30												
Cherokee	260	138	398	90	22.6	308	38	86	124	77	62.0	47
Clay	38	40	78	37	47.4	41	20	31	51	34	66.6	17
Graham	83	39	122	53	43.4	69	19	21	40	19	47.5	21
Haywood	451	296	747	256	34.2	491	163	194	357	147	41.1	210
Jackson	356	127	483	129	26.7	354	161	111	272	140	51.4	132
Macon	356	145	501	148	29.5	353	215	161	376	97	25.7	279
Swain	110	58	168	34	20.2	134	53	61	114	55	48.2	59
District Totals	**1,654**	**843**	**2,497**	**747**	**29.9**	**1,750**	**669**	**665**	**1,334**	**569**	**42.6**	**765**
State Totals	**50,235**	**36,753**	**86,988**	**33,830**	**38.8**	**53,158**	**20,196**	**31,294**	**51,490**	**28,656**	**55.6**	**22,834**

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Caseload Trends Of Criminal Cases In The Superior Courts 1971-1981



The trends in criminal superior caseload, as depicted here, show increasing numbers of cases filed and disposed of. The trends in criminal superior caseload are largely set by felony cases, since felony cases in superior court substantially outnumber misdemeanor cases appealed from district to superior court.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 1												
Camden	0	22	22	15	68.1	7	9	30	39	30	76.9	9
Chowan	6	186	192	174	90.6	18	21	247	268	212	79.1	56
Currituck	9	29	38	29	76.3	9	28	246	274	225	82.1	49
Dare	10	135	145	105	72.4	40	61	305	366	240	65.5	126
Gates	9	37	46	29	63.0	17	9	55	64	49	76.5	15
Pasquotank	35	164	199	164	82.4	35	82	628	710	648	91.2	62
Perquimans	25	68	93	74	79.5	19	12	129	141	107	75.8	34
District Totals	**94**	**641**	**735**	**590**	**80.2**	**145**	**222**	**1,640**	**1,862**	**1,511**	**81.1**	**351**
District 2												
Beaufort	89	337	426	329	77.2	97	51	222	273	226	82.7	47
Hyde	12	21	33	26	78.7	7	13	42	55	32	58.1	23
Martin	25	210	235	188	80.0	47	26	74	100	65	65.0	35
Tyrrell	2	8	10	5	50.0	5	2	33	35	27	77.1	8
Washington	44	89	133	115	86.4	18	26	69	95	82	86.3	13
District Totals	**172**	**665**	**837**	**663**	**79.2**	**174**	**118**	**440**	**558**	**432**	**77.4**	**126**
District 3												
Carteret	57	453	510	453	88.8	57	32	162	194	158	81.4	36
Craven	124	617	741	644	86.9	97	86	272	358	337	94.1	21
Pamlico	13	83	96	73	76.0	23	11	38	49	41	83.6	8
Pitt	152	741	893	757	84.7	136	117	429	546	465	85.1	81
District Totals	**346**	**1,894**	**2,240**	**1,927**	**86.0**	**313**	**246**	**901**	**1,147**	**1,001**	**87.2**	**146**
District 4												
Duplin	45	267	312	279	89.4	33	24	93	17	96	82.0	21
Jones	4	50	54	53	98.1	1	5	13	18	16	88.8	2
Onslow	176	1,494	1,670	1,388	83.1	282	23	143	166	148	89.1	18
Sampson	30	507	537	430	80.0	107	17	129	146	124	84.9	22
District Totals	**255**	**2,318**	**2,573**	**2,150**	**83.5**	**423**	**69**	**378**	**447**	**384**	**85.9**	**63**
District 5												
New Hanover	202	1,715	1,917	1,543	80.4	374	146	678	824	714	86.6	110
Pender	76	104	180	166	92.2	14	46	94	140	104	74.2	36
District Totals	**278**	**1,819**	**2,097**	**1,709**	**81.4**	**388**	**192**	**772**	**964**	**818**	**84.8**	**146**
District 6												
Bertie	29	134	163	93	57.0	70	40	51	91	54	59.3	37
Halifax	103	513	616	500	81.1	116	64	195	259	179	69.1	80
Hertford	52	158	210	183	87.1	27	41	100	141	122	86.5	19
Northampton	48	44	92	67	72.8	25	28	82	110	55	50.0	55
District Totals	**232**	**849**	**1,081**	**843**	**77.9**	**238**	**173**	**428**	**601**	**410**	**68.2**	**191**
District 7												
Edgecombe	97	269	366	323	88.2	43	136	283	419	385	91.8	34
Nash	120	491	611	512	83.7	99	175	385	560	456	81.4	104
Wilson	179	481	660	494	74.8	166	203	483	686	580	84.5	106
District Totals	**396**	**1,241**	**1,637**	**1,329**	**81.1**	**308**	**514**	**1,151**	**1,665**	**1,421**	**85.3**	**244**
District 8												
Greene	27	135	162	125	77.1	37	19	66	85	66	77.6	19
Lenoir	71	426	497	399	80.2	98	78	492	570	465	81.5	105
Wayne	169	647	816	723	88.6	93	66	452	518	427	82.4	91
District Totals	**267**	**1,208**	**1,475**	**1,247**	**84.5**	**228**	**163**	**1,010**	**1,173**	**958**	**81.6**	**215**

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 9												
Franklin	125	239	364	274	75.2	90	184	302	486	269	55.3	217
Granville	103	199	302	209	69.2	93	82	183	265	176	66.4	89
Person	102	198	300	242	80.6	58	119	210	329	183	55.6	146
Vance	146	429	575	368	64.0	207	157	382	539	358	66.4	181
Warren	96	110	206	122	59.2	84	45	108	153	125	81.6	28
District Totals	**572**	**1,175**	**1,747**	**1,215**	**69.5**	**532**	**587**	**1,185**	**1,772**	**1,111**	**62.6**	**661**
District 10												
Wake	**731**	**2,816**	**3,547**	**2,447**	**68.9**	**1,100**	**391**	**1,765**	**2,156**	**1,675**	**77.6**	**481**
District 11												
Harnett	49	235	284	200	70.4	84	21	67	88	52	59.0	36
Johnston	78	337	415	390	93.9	25	54	131	185	158	85.4	27
Lee	82	223	305	216	70.8	89	46	106	152	105	69.0	47
District Totals	**209**	**795**	**1,004**	**806**	**80.2**	**198**	**121**	**304**	**425**	**315**	**74.1**	**110**
District 12												
Cumberland	279	1,478	1,757	1,240	70.5	517	78	566	644	531	82.4	113
Hoke	30	181	211	162	76.7	49	21	94	115	86	74.7	29
District Totals	**309**	**1,659**	**1,968**	**1,402**	**71.2**	**566**	**99**	**660**	**759**	**617**	**81.2**	**142**
District 13												
Bladen	45	98	143	116	81.1	27	70	107	177	135	76.2	42
Brunswick	80	155	235	155	65.9	80	41	131	172	134	77.9	38
Columbus	90	174	264	194	73.4	70	102	209	311	219	70.4	92
District Totals	**215**	**427**	**642**	**465**	**72.4**	**177**	**213**	**447**	**660**	**488**	**73.9**	**172**
District 14												
Durham	**186**	**1,231**	**1,417**	**1,048**	**73.9**	**369**	**66**	**234**	**300**	**191**	**63.6**	**109**
District 15A												
Alamance	**211**	**595**	**806**	**655**	**81.2**	**151**	**155**	**407**	**562**	**444**	**79.0**	**118**
District 15B												
Chatham	13	175	188	134	71.2	54	12	45	57	37	64.9	20
Orange	79	506	585	498	85.1	87	19	205	224	185	82.5	39
District Totals	**92**	**681**	**773**	**632**	**81.7**	**141**	**31**	**250**	**281**	**222**	**79.0**	**59**
District 16												
Robeson	125	1,008	1,133	968	85.4	165	69	327	396	324	81.8	72
Scotland	172	303	475	396	83.3	79	113	157	270	186	68.8	84
District Totals	**297**	**1,311**	**1,608**	**1,364**	**84.8**	**244**	**182**	**484**	**666**	**510**	**76.5**	**156**
District 17												
Caswell	21	152	173	159	91.9	14	29	101	130	112	86.1	18
Rockingham	229	674	903	726	80.3	177	147	683	830	707	85.1	123
Stokes	14	192	206	186	90.2	20	29	192	221	171	77.3	50
Surry	97	502	599	461	76.9	138	165	838	1,003	785	78.2	218
District Totals	**361**	**1,520**	**1,881**	**1,532**	**81.4**	**349**	**370**	**1,814**	**2,184**	**1,775**	**81.3**	**409**
District 18												
Guilford												
Greensboro	841	2,725	3,566	2,875	80.6	691	190	638	828	718	86.7	110
High Point	161	743	904	684	75.6	220	58	273	331	286	86.4	45
District Totals	**1,002**	**3,468**	**4,470**	**3,559**	**79.6**	**911**	**248**	**911**	**1,159**	**1,004**	**86.6**	**155**

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 19A												
Cabarrus	134	734	868	666	76.7	202	165	672	837	585	69.8	252
Rowan	107	736	843	637	75.5	206	106	489	595	437	73.4	158
District Totals	**241**	**1,470**	**1,711**	**1,303**	**76.1**	**408**	**271**	**1,161**	**1,432**	**1,022**	**71.3**	**410**
District 19B												
Montgomery	12	159	171	122	71.3	49	21	140	161	108	67.0	53
Randolph	96	479	575	331	57.5	244	118	415	533	370	69.4	163
District Totals	**108**	**638**	**746**	**453**	**60.7**	**293**	**139**	**555**	**694**	**478**	**68.8**	**216**
District 20												
Anson	15	175	190	160	84.2	30	24	165	189	153	80.9	36
Moore	56	408	464	320	68.9	144	28	390	418	328	78.4	90
Richmond	63	483	546	499	91.3	47	47	246	293	249	84.9	44
Stanly	60	405	465	373	80.2	92	85	297	382	296	77.4	86
Union	133	603	736	657	89.2	79	48	430	478	419	87.6	59
District Totals	**327**	**2,074**	**2,401**	**2,009**	**83.6**	**392**	**232**	**1,528**	**1,760**	**1,445**	**82.1**	**315**
District 21												
Forsyth	**325**	**1,879**	**2,204**	**1,853**	**84.0**	**351**	**169**	**1,832**	**2,001**	**1,564**	**78.1**	**437**
District 22												
Alexander	18	57	75	73	97.3	2	18	125	143	127	88.8	16
Davidson	98	418	516	443	85.8	73	70	405	475	371	78.1	104
Davie	6	117	123	81	65.8	42	11	80	91	74	81.3	17
Iredell	41	415	456	352	77.1	104	58	426	484	375	77.4	109
District Totals	**163**	**1,007**	**1,170**	**949**	**81.1**	**221**	**157**	**1,036**	**1,193**	**947**	**79.3**	**246**
District 23												
Alleghany	12	12	24	21	87.5	3	13	33	46	35	76.0	11
Ashe	30	37	67	44	65.6	23	22	99	121	84	69.4	37
Wilkes	88	210	298	181	60.7	117	163	256	419	199	47.4	220
Yadkin	92	151	243	193	79.4	50	48	187	235	178	75.7	57
District Totals	**222**	**410**	**632**	**439**	**69.4**	**193**	**246**	**575**	**821**	**496**	**60.4**	**325**
District 24												
Avery	55	69	124	99	79.8	25	16	43	59	38	64.4	21
Madison	32	87	119	84	70.5	35	14	33	47	33	70.2	14
Mitchell	12	83	95	63	66.3	32	1	18	19	15	78.9	4
Watauga	50	186	236	168	71.1	68	8	37	45	30	66.6	15
Yancey	18	42	60	43	71.6	17	21	24	45	25	55.5	20
District Totals	**167**	**467**	**634**	**457**	**72.0**	**177**	**60**	**155**	**215**	**141**	**65.5**	**74**
District 25												
Burke	36	373	409	284	69.4	125	35	178	213	175	82.1	38
Caldwell	70	182	252	185	73.4	67	54	214	268	215	80.2	53
Catawba	231	866	1,097	737	67.1	360	103	362	465	317	68.1	148
District Totals	**337**	**1,421**	**1,758**	**1,206**	**68.6**	**552**	**192**	**754**	**946**	**707**	**74.7**	**239**
District 26												
Mecklenburg	**574**	**2,198**	**2,772**	**2,063**	**74.4**	**709**	**196**	**745**	**941**	**751**	**79.8**	**190**
District 27A												
Gaston	**337**	**1,377**	**1,714**	**1,520**	**88.6**	**194**	**64**	**653**	**717**	**619**	**86.3**	**98**
District 27B												
Cleveland	137	413	550	461	83.8	89	48	216	264	231	87.5	33
Lincoln	28	182	210	190	90.4	20	2	77	79	68	86.0	11
District Totals	**165**	**595**	**760**	**651**	**85.6**	**109**	**50**	**293**	**343**	**299**	**87.1**	**44**

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

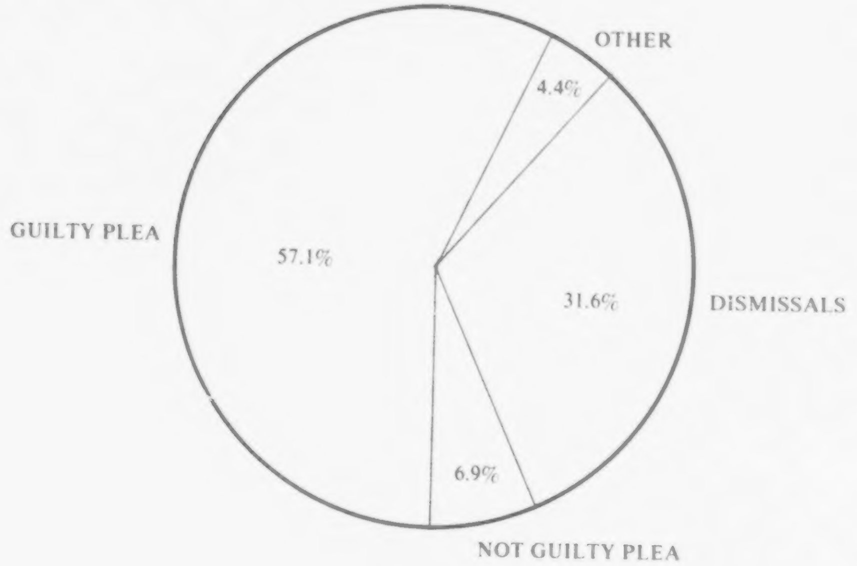
July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 28												
Buncombe	**317**	**1,036**	**1,353**	**1,128**	**83.3**	**225**	**63**	**543**	**606**	**545**	**89.9**	**61**
District 29												
Henderson	55	199	254	164	64.5	90	15	71	86	61	70.9	25
McDowell	49	194	243	121	49.7	122	29	90	119	82	68.9	37
Polk	117	38	155	130	83.8	25	15	43	58	36	62.0	22
Rutherford	69	288	357	248	69.4	109	67	174	241	180	74.6	61
Transylvania	72	102	174	96	55.1	78	22	23	45	25	55.5	20
District Totals	**362**	**821**	**1,183**	**759**	**64.1**	**424**	**148**	**401**	**549**	**384**	**69.9**	**165**
District 30												
Cherokee	35	110	145	96	66.2	49	46	57	103	89	86.4	14
Clay	4	65	69	62	89.8	7	3	16	19	15	78.9	4
Graham	11	37	48	42	87.5	6	22	43	65	34	52.3	31
Haywood	114	456	570	364	63.8	206	120	225	345	255	73.9	90
Jackson	59	266	325	243	74.7	82	52	71	123	68	55.2	55
Macon	56	114	170	134	78.8	36	37	50	87	45	51.7	42
Swain	7	38	45	27	60.0	18	22	19	41	32	78.0	9
District Totals	**286**	**1,086**	**1,372**	**968**	**70.5**	**404**	**302**	**481**	**783**	**538**	**68.7**	**245**
State Totals	**10,156**	**42,792**	**52,948**	**41,341**	**78.0**	**11,607**	**6,449**	**25,893**	**32,342**	**25,223**	**77.9**	**7,119**

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CASES

1980-81

FELONIES



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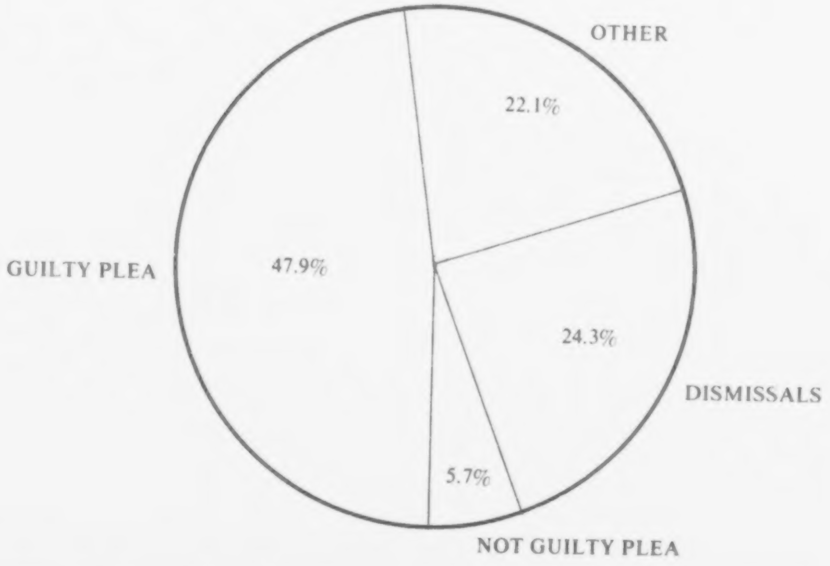

Guilty pleas constitute the largest disposition category for criminal superior court cases. The dismissal category, as graphed here, includes speedy trial dismissals and cases dismissed by the district attorney, both with and without leave.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal By D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 1												
Camden	15	12	2	1	0	0	30	20	1	3	0	6
Chowan	174	77	10	45	0	42	212	70	5	28	0	109
Currituck	29	22	5	1	0	1	225	191	9	25	0	0
Dare	105	86	0	16	0	3	240	165	7	19	0	49
Gates	29	10	8	6	0	5	49	33	5	3	0	8
Pasquotank	164	110	17	30	0	7	648	233	20	91	0	304
Perquimans	74	36	2	35	0	1	107	44	0	20	0	43
District Totals	**590**	**353**	**44**	**134**	**0**	**59**	**1,511**	**756**	**47**	**189**	**0**	**519**
District 2												
Beaufort	329	171	72	52	0	34	226	127	58	20	0	21
Hyde	26	4	6	7	0	9	32	13	12	3	0	4
Martin	188	127	21	34	0	6	65	15	12	7	0	31
Tyrrell	5	2	1	0	0	2	27	13	4	1	0	9
Washington	115	50	20	33	0	12	82	27	31	0	1	23
District Totals	**663**	**354**	**120**	**126**	**0**	**63**	**432**	**195**	**117**	**31**	**1**	**88**
District 3												
Carteret	453	179	22	229	0	23	158	81	13	44	0	20
Craven	644	355	71	199	2	17	337	159	34	76	0	68
Pamlico	73	27	2	31	0	13	41	10	6	20	0	5
Pitt	757	473	35	237	0	12	465	197	38	128	3	99
District Totals	**1,927**	**1,034**	**130**	**696**	**2**	**65**	**1,001**	**447**	**91**	**268**	**3**	**192**
District 4												
Duplin	279	172	39	59	0	9	96	40	19	26	0	11
Jones	53	31	2	19	0	1	16	8	2	3	0	3
Onslow	1,388	583	61	628	0	116	148	42	19	50	0	37
Sampson	430	231	45	146	0	8	124	70	25	16	0	13
District Totals	**2,150**	**1,017**	**147**	**852**	**0**	**134**	**384**	**160**	**65**	**95**	**0**	**64**
District 5												
New Hanover	1,543	1,009	122	389	0	23	714	388	37	193	0	96
Pender	166	132	6	23	0	5	104	51	6	36	0	11
District Totals	**1,709**	**1,141**	**128**	**412**	**0**	**28**	**818**	**439**	**43**	**229**	**0**	**107**
District 6												
Bertie	93	44	8	31	0	10	54	19	4	18	0	13
Halifax	500	171	20	295	0	14	179	45	8	94	0	32
Hertford	183	97	19	61	0	6	122	54	17	27	0	24
Northampton	67	28	5	31	0	3	55	17	1	18	1	18
District Totals	**843**	**340**	**52**	**418**	**0**	**33**	**410**	**135**	**30**	**157**	**1**	**87**
District 7												
Edgecombe	323	209	14	92	1	7	385	240	11	107	0	27
Nash	512	272	17	208	0	15	456	288	14	110	0	44
Wilson	494	290	18	160	1	25	580	341	10	173	0	56
District Totals	**1,329**	**771**	**49**	**460**	**2**	**47**	**1,421**	**869**	**35**	**390**	**0**	**127**
District 8												
Greene	125	54	6	56	0	9	66	34	0	24	0	8
Lenoir	399	157	34	176	0	32	465	152	13	131	0	169
Wayne	723	314	91	309	0	9	427	149	15	190	0	73
District Totals	**1,247**	**525**	**131**	**541**	**0**	**50**	**958**	**335**	**28**	**345**	**0**	**250**

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District 9												
Franklin	274	146	17	104	0	7	269	141	12	101	0	15
Granville	209	105	19	70	0	15	176	85	4	61	0	26
Person	242	111	23	96	0	12	183	76	2	83	0	22
Vance	368	210	20	129	0	9	358	219	14	105	1	19
Warren	122	59	11	47	0	5	125	56	8	31	0	30
District Totals	**1,215**	**631**	**90**	**446**	**0**	**48**	**1,111**	**577**	**40**	**381**	**1**	**112**
District 10												
Wake	**2,447**	**1,027**	**127**	**1,239**	**0**	**54**	**1,675**	**519**	**70**	**604**	**0**	**482**
District 11												
Harnett	200	131	29	37	0	3	52	18	8	10	0	16
Johnston	390	279	19	70	0	22	158	70	14	32	0	42
Lee	216	137	24	49	0	6	105	43	6	22	0	34
District Totals	**806**	**547**	**72**	**156**	**0**	**31**	**315**	**131**	**28**	**64**	**0**	**92**
District 12												
Cumberland	1,240	791	91	320	0	38	531	245	65	121	0	100
Hoke	162	89	8	24	0	41	86	50	5	22	0	9
District Totals	**1,402**	**880**	**99**	**344**	**0**	**79**	**617**	**295**	**70**	**143**	**0**	**109**
District 13												
Bladen	116	68	14	20	0	14	135	71	16	22	0	26
Brunswick	155	96	10	42	0	7	134	63	5	37	0	29
Columbus	194	99	24	41	0	30	219	90	14	68	0	47
District Totals	**465**	**263**	**48**	**103**	**0**	**51**	**488**	**224**	**35**	**127**	**0**	**102**
District 14												
Durham	**1,048**	**554**	**92**	**393**	**3**	**6**	**191**	**43**	**25**	**61**	**5**	**57**
District 15A												
Alamance	**655**	**256**	**69**	**303**	**1**	**26**	**444**	**158**	**53**	**207**	**0**	**26**
District 15B												
Chatham	134	79	10	35	0	10	37	13	6	8	0	10
Orange	498	262	31	151	0	54	185	94	6	35	0	50
District Totals	**632**	**341**	**41**	**186**	**0**	**64**	**222**	**107**	**12**	**43**	**0**	**60**
District 16												
Robeson	968	760	111	60	1	36	324	137	55	23	0	109
Scotland	396	305	20	36	0	35	186	141	7	19	0	19
District Totals	**1,364**	**1,065**	**131**	**96**	**1**	**71**	**510**	**278**	**62**	**42**	**0**	**128**
District 17												
Caswell	159	144	3	10	0	2	112	82	2	16	0	12
Rockingham	726	537	29	145	0	15	707	369	17	94	0	227
Stokes	186	155	10	15	0	6	171	82	2	16	0	71
Surry	461	362	12	62	0	25	785	358	4	107	0	316
District Totals	**1,532**	**1,198**	**54**	**232**	**0**	**48**	**1,775**	**891**	**25**	**233**	**0**	**626**
District 18												
Guilford												
Greensboro	2,875	1,683	207	934	0	51	718	389	38	187	0	104
High Point	684	375	21	269	0	19	286	154	12	52	0	68
District Totals	**3,559**	**2,058**	**228**	**1,203**	**0**	**70**	**1,004**	**543**	**50**	**239**	**0**	**172**

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District 19A												
Cabarrus	666	482	17	157	0	10	585	290	11	113	0	171
Rowan	637	416	17	182	0	22	437	266	14	93	0	64
District Totals	**1,303**	**898**	**34**	**339**	**0**	**32**	**1,022**	**556**	**25**	**206**	**0**	**235**
District 19B												
Montgomery	122	74	13	33	0	2	108	53	10	22	0	23
Randolph	331	239	23	61	0	8	370	153	14	92	3	108
District Totals	**453**	**313**	**36**	**94**	**0**	**10**	**478**	**206**	**24**	**114**	**3**	**131**
District 20												
Anson	160	103	8	45	0	4	153	69	6	38	0	40
Moore	320	179	12	120	0	9	328	178	7	87	0	56
Richmond	499	231	26	232	0	10	249	80	12	100	0	57
Stanly	373	198	24	130	0	21	296	197	2	66	0	31
Union	657	248	52	333	0	24	419	186	12	148	0	73
District Totals	**2,009**	**959**	**122**	**860**	**0**	**68**	**1,445**	**710**	**39**	**439**	**0**	**257**
District 21												
Forsyth	**1,853**	**1,415**	**106**	**272**	**0**	**60**	**1,564**	**992**	**42**	**269**	**0**	**261**
District 22												
Alexander	73	47	1	15	0	10	127	52	8	24	0	43
Davidson	443	338	11	65	0	29	371	156	16	68	0	131
Davie	81	60	7	10	0	4	74	31	2	15	0	26
Iredell	352	257	20	40	0	35	375	186	20	73	0	96
District Totals	**949**	**702**	**39**	**130**	**0**	**78**	**947**	**425**	**46**	**180**	**0**	**296**
District 23												
Alleghany	21	6	0	10	0	5	35	20	0	10	0	5
Ashe	44	21	3	8	0	12	84	37	5	19	0	23
Wilkes	181	113	18	29	0	21	199	96	15	31	0	57
Yadkin	193	123	6	54	0	10	178	78	6	27	0	67
District Totals	**439**	**263**	**27**	**101**	**0**	**48**	**496**	**231**	**26**	**87**	**0**	**152**
District 24												
Avery	99	42	8	47	0	2	38	12	4	11	0	11
Madison	84	29	13	39	0	3	33	7	7	15	0	4
Mitchell	63	35	10	16	0	2	15	5	0	1	0	9
Watauga	168	83	11	71	0	3	30	16	3	6	0	5
Yancey	43	21	0	22	0	0	25	10	2	11	0	2
District Totals	**457**	**210**	**42**	**195**	**0**	**10**	**141**	**50**	**16**	**44**	**0**	**31**
District 25												
Burke	284	140	36	98	0	10	175	85	4	52	0	34
Caldwell	185	75	13	85	0	12	215	101	17	26	0	71
Catawba	737	448	31	237	1	20	317	155	19	65	0	78
District Totals	**1,206**	**663**	**80**	**420**	**1**	**42**	**707**	**341**	**40**	**143**	**0**	**183**
District 26												
Mecklenburg	**2,063**	**987**	**156**	**848**	**6**	**65**	**751**	**260**	**63**	**255**	**3**	**170**
District 27A												
Gaston	**1,520**	**773**	**115**	**593**	**4**	**35**	**619**	**293**	**82**	**140**	**7**	**97**
District 27B												
Cleveland	461	212	50	187	0	12	231	84	19	79	0	49
Lincoln	190	101	18	59	0	12	68	15	12	35	0	6
District Totals	**651**	**313**	**68**	**246**	**0**	**24**	**299**	**99**	**31**	**114**	**0**	**55**

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District 28												
Buncombe	**1,128**	**863**	**49**	**89**	**0**	**127**	**545**	**355**	**15**	**10**	**0**	**165**
District 29												
Henderson	164	82	12	59	0	11	61	24	6	19	0	12
McDowell	121	71	7	29	0	14	82	35	13	11	1	22
Polk	130	31	15	82	0	2	36	10	3	18	0	5
Rutherford	248	129	34	65	0	20	180	73	10	38	0	59
Translyvania	96	43	12	39	1	1	25	6	2	11	0	6
District Totals	**759**	**356**	**80**	**274**	**1**	**48**	**384**	**148**	**34**	**97**	**1**	**104**
District 30												
Cherokee	96	70	1	20	0	5	89	49	0	40	0	0
Clay	62	23	1	8	0	30	15	8	0	3	0	4
Graham	42	18	0	8	0	16	34	17	2	8	0	7
Haywood	364	237	18	105	0	4	255	163	8	79	0	5
Jackson	243	128	5	44	0	66	68	42	6	17	0	3
Macon	134	61	1	47	0	25	45	23	1	11	0	10
Swain	27	15	4	7	0	1	32	21	1	7	0	3
District Totals	**968**	**552**	**30**	**239**	**0**	**147**	**538**	**323**	**18**	**165**	**0**	**32**
State Totals	**41,341**	**23,621**	**2,837**	**13,040**	**22**	**1,821**	**25,223**	**12,091**	**1,427**	**6,111**	**24**	**5,570**

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 1																	
Camden	FEL	7	72.3	18.0	4	2	0	1	0	15	71.9	54.0	9	4	0	2	0
	MIS	9	99.7	62.0	2	3	2	2	0	30	55.0	51.0	17	10	2	1	0
Chowan	FEL	18	161.8	84.0	5	5	5	1	2	174	70.7	57.0	99	59	8	6	2
	MIS	56	67.5	42.0	35	12	5	4	0	212	61.1	42.0	124	61	18	6	3
Currituck	FEL	9	55.0	35.0	5	4	0	0	0	29	90.4	43.0	17	5	2	4	1
	MIS	49	55.1	41.0	36	9	1	3	0	225	49.4	40.0	146	58	14	7	0
Dare	FEL	40	135.1	130.0	0	0	38	2	0	105	61.6	53.0	62	35	7	1	0
	MIS	126	56.5	39.0	78	36	6	6	0	240	95.7	80.0	80	87	52	19	2
Gates	FEL	17	304.5	57.0	9	2	0	1	5	29	50.7	35.0	23	3	2	1	0
	MIS	15	84.7	70.0	7	4	3	1	0	49	87.6	70.0	18	24	3	2	2
Pasquotank	FEL	35	245.1	81.0	17	1	0	5	12	164	85.6	67.0	71	46	32	14	1
	MIS	62	46.6	40.0	48	13	0	1	0	648	56.3	45.0	377	207	33	30	1
Perquimans	FEL	19	81.5	69.0	7	9	1	2	0	74	76.8	83.5	27	38	3	6	0
	MIS	34	90.0	69.0	14	10	5	5	0	107	65.1	54.0	57	38	8	4	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**145**	**169.8**	**130.0**	**47**	**23**	**44**	**12**	**19**	**590**	**74.0**	**57.0**	**308**	**190**	**54**	**34**	**4**
	MIS	**351**	**61.9**	**42.0**	**220**	**87**	**22**	**22**	**0**	**1,511**	**63.8**	**54.0**	**819**	**485**	**130**	**69**	**8**
District 2																	
Beaufort	FEL	97	32.7	28.0	81	12	4	0	0	329	83.4	51.0	210	68	14	33	4
	MIS	47	52.4	35.0	32	10	4	1	0	226	87.3	61.0	107	77	23	15	4
Hyde	FEL	7	108.1	106.0	1	4	2	0	0	26	253.5	96.0	10	4	3	1	8
	MIS	23	97.3	102.0	5	9	8	1	0	32	117.0	67.5	13	12	1	1	5
Martin	FEL	47	112.6	76.0	21	18	4	3	1	188	82.6	94.0	77	101	7	3	0
	MIS	35	158.0	106.0	9	10	8	4	4	65	100.8	68.0	27	22	7	5	4
Tyrrell	FEL	5	202.2	161.0	0	2	2	0	1	5	116.8	17.0	3	1	0	0	1
	MIS	8	135.1	78.0	3	2	0	3	0	27	97.6	88.0	9	10	6	2	0
Washington	FEL	18	61.7	26.0	16	1	0	0	1	115	124.8	90.0	38	22	30	22	3
	MIS	13	246.3	89.0	6	1	1	2	3	82	99.3	59.0	50	12	15	3	2
District Totals	**FEL**	**174**	**65.2**	**43.0**	**119**	**37**	**12**	**3**	**3**	**663**	**97.3**	**58.0**	**338**	**196**	**54**	**59**	**16**
	MIS	**126**	**115.2**	**70.0**	**55**	**32**	**21**	**11**	**7**	**432**	**94.5**	**62.5**	**206**	**133**	**52**	**26**	**15**
District 3																	
Carteret	FEL	57	184.5	96.0	24	9	6	9	9	453	71.0	56.0	245	147	27	30	4
	MIS	36	207.2	43.0	20	0	4	4	8	158	73.2	53.0	88	53	12	3	2
Craven	FEL	97	81.6	54.0	51	20	6	20	0	644	88.8	76.0	257	237	91	59	0
	MIS	21	63.8	29.0	18	1	0	1	1	337	72.8	50.0	196	82	25	34	0
Pamlico	FEL	23	89.7	85.0	9	11	1	2	0	73	110.3	103.0	5	46	18	4	0
	MIS	8	32.3	23.5	8	0	0	0	0	41	162.5	103.0	10	24	3	3	1
Pitt	FEL	136	122.8	62.0	65	29	17	15	10	757	82.1	48.0	450	193	47	51	16
	MIS	81	109.2	96.0	37	22	8	10	4	465	76.3	48.0	277	108	42	25	13
District Totals	**FEL**	**313**	**118.8**	**63.0**	**149**	**69**	**30**	**46**	**19**	**1,927**	**82.8**	**61.0**	**957**	**623**	**183**	**144**	**20**
	MIS	**146**	**122.6**	**53.0**	**83**	**23**	**12**	**15**	**13**	**1,001**	**78.2**	**50.0**	**571**	**267**	**82**	**65**	**16**

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District 4																	
Duplin	FEL	33	89.0	29.0	25	1	3	1	3	279	74.8	37.0	189	47	11	19	13
	MIS	21	92.4	57.0	11	2	6	2	0	96	114.2	51.0	51	24	4	4	13
Jones	FEL	1	46.0	46.0	1	0	0	0	0	53	59.5	31.0	33	14	3	2	1
	MIS	2	28.5	28.5	2	0	0	0	0	16	83.2	71.5	6	7	1	2	0
Onslow	FEL	282	71.1	52.0	142	108	19	11	2	1,388	48.4	40.0	969	340	62	16	1
	MIS	18	36.8	31.5	16	2	0	0	0	148	55.4	55.0	97	41	9	1	0
Sampson	FEL	107	94.5	74.0	48	42	5	7	5	430	45.6	26.0	316	85	23	6	0
	MIS	22	340.4	205.5	7	0	1	7	7	124	44.0	28.5	100	12	11	1	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**423**	**78.4**	**54.0**	**216**	**151**	**27**	**19**	**10**	**2,150**	**51.5**	**36.0**	**1,507**	**486**	**99**	**43**	**15**
	MIS	**63**	**161.1**	**50.0**	**36**	**4**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**384**	**67.6**	**39.0**	**254**	**84**	**25**	**8**	**13**
District 5																	
New Hanover	FEL	374	111.1	63.0	172	124	32	22	24	1,543	63.6	48.0	1,023	352	93	64	11
	MIS	110	89.4	47.0	75	14	8	6	7	714	59.3	40.0	492	169	27	14	12
Pender	FEL	14	703.5	209.0	4	1	2	2	5	166	96.5	54.0	95	26	10	34	1
	MIS	36	109.1	39.5	25	4	2	3	2	104	120.7	77.0	44	20	10	30	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**388**	**132.5**	**63.0**	**176**	**125**	**34**	**24**	**29**	**1,709**	**66.8**	**48.0**	**1,118**	**378**	**103**	**98**	**12**
	MIS	**146**	**94.3**	**47.0**	**100**	**18**	**10**	**9**	**9**	**818**	**67.1**	**43.0**	**536**	**189**	**37**	**44**	**12**
District 6																	
Bertie	FEL	70	245.8	151.0	23	3	15	12	17	93	109.6	82.0	41	22	17	10	3
	MIS	37	431.4	616.0	9	2	0	2	24	54	179.7	92.0	13	23	5	5	8
Halifax	FEL	116	136.5	98.0	40	27	30	8	11	500	87.4	54.0	259	165	23	19	34
	MIS	80	90.0	50.0	44	17	7	10	2	179	137.8	62.0	86	36	17	9	31
Hertford	FEL	27	70.8	1.0	20	1	0	5	1	183	63.9	48.0	125	42	9	6	1
	MIS	19	164.1	119.0	6	4	1	7	1	122	72.1	48.0	70	33	9	9	1
Northampton	FEL	25	96.2	54.0	13	5	4	2	1	67	123.2	121.0	14	18	24	10	1
	MIS	55	61.0	54.0	42	8	5	0	0	55	134.7	74.0	18	19	10	4	4
District Totals	**FEL**	**238**	**157.0**	**103.5**	**96**	**36**	**49**	**27**	**30**	**843**	**87.6**	**57.0**	**439**	**247**	**73**	**45**	**39**
	MIS	**191**	**155.2**	**54.0**	**101**	**31**	**13**	**19**	**27**	**410**	**123.4**	**70.0**	**187**	**111**	**41**	**27**	**44**
District 7																	
Edgecombe	FEL	43	56.9	32.0	31	6	6	0	0	323	109.9	78.0	136	72	59	42	14
	MIS	34	66.4	26.0	23	7	0	4	0	385	100.6	70.0	181	89	56	44	15
Nash	FEL	99	194.4	74.0	34	38	6	11	10	512	110.1	71.5	182	153	63	100	14
	MIS	104	271.2	62.0	48	23	7	8	18	456	138.8	105.0	163	89	111	69	24
Wilson	FEL	166	140.2	74.0	72	40	2	40	12	494	121.2	94.0	141	167	76	98	12
	MIS	106	141.6	85.0	47	19	8	23	9	580	108.8	80.0	210	198	78	79	15
District Totals	**FEL**	**308**	**146.0**	**62.0**	**137**	**84**	**14**	**51**	**22**	**1,329**	**114.2**	**83.0**	**459**	**392**	**198**	**240**	**40**
	MIS	**244**	**186.4**	**62.0**	**118**	**49**	**15**	**35**	**27**	**1,421**	**116.2**	**83.0**	**554**	**376**	**245**	**192**	**54**

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District 8																	
Greene	FEL	37	89.3	46.0	24	4	6	1	2	125	88.4	70.0	52	42	12	19	0
	MIS	19	149.3	102.0	4	6	5	1	3	66	104.6	85.0	27	16	12	11	0
Lenoir	FEL	98	80.7	58.5	49	32	11	6	0	399	67.3	50.0	227	93	66	13	0
	MIS	105	62.4	64.0	43	58	4	0	0	465	59.9	43.0	295	107	42	21	0
Wayne	FEL	93	97.9	78.0	40	22	12	19	0	723	93.6	64.0	339	238	58	64	24
	MIS	91	57.9	35.0	58	23	9	1	0	427	58.7	33.0	294	66	38	28	1
District Totals	**FEL**	**228**	**89.1**	**63.0**	**113**	**58**	**29**	**26**	**2**	**1,247**	**84.7**	**61.0**	**618**	**373**	**136**	**96**	**24**
	MIS	**215**	**68.2**	**63.0**	**105**	**87**	**18**	**2**	**3**	**958**	**62.4**	**42.0**	**616**	**189**	**92**	**60**	**1**
District 9																	
Franklin	FEL	90	193.2	172.5	16	21	12	34	7	274	199.4	134.0	61	62	46	54	51
	MIS	217	189.7	141.0	38	57	41	57	24	269	233.0	169.0	29	58	57	73	52
Granville	FEL	93	220.9	99.0	42	9	16	13	13	209	172.5	120.0	42	64	26	54	23
	MIS	89	205.8	160.0	15	17	14	31	12	176	217.2	182.0	25	38	22	69	22
Person	FEL	58	172.7	120.0	15	20	4	15	4	242	180.8	115.0	61	67	43	35	36
	MIS	146	195.2	124.0	36	27	30	29	24	183	185.4	161.0	27	35	41	67	13
Vance	FEL	207	178.4	78.0	83	35	10	60	19	368	185.5	127.5	93	81	68	58	68
	MIS	181	192.1	98.0	51	54	12	36	28	358	172.4	138.0	70	93	67	104	24
Warren	FEL	84	226.9	91.0	0	61	1	10	12	122	256.0	104.0	23	47	8	15	29
	MIS	28	261.9	158.0	0	13	2	10	3	125	193.4	152.0	17	33	22	41	12
District Totals	**FEL**	**532**	**195.4**	**97.0**	**156**	**146**	**43**	**132**	**55**	**1,215**	**192.5**	**122.0**	**280**	**321**	**191**	**216**	**207**
	MIS	**661**	**196.8**	**134.0**	**140**	**168**	**99**	**163**	**91**	**1,111**	**198.7**	**155.0**	**168**	**257**	**209**	**354**	**123**
District 10																	
Wake	**FEL**	**1,100**	**166.5**	**112.0**	**238**	**333**	**174**	**303**	**52**	**2,447**	**120.8**	**87.0**	**752**	**905**	**448**	**252**	**90**
	MIS	**481**	**85.8**	**56.0**	**251**	**162**	**36**	**20**	**12**	**1,675**	**69.9**	**51.0**	**963**	**446**	**176**	**72**	**18**
District 11																	
Harnett	FEL	84	160.8	92.0	10	41	10	16	7	200	63.0	55.0	116	58	20	6	0
	MIS	36	155.5	56.0	21	7	2	4	2	52	76.8	62.0	25	20	3	4	0
Johnston	FEL	25	99.0	43.0	13	4	4	4	0	390	75.7	46.5	238	92	27	20	13
	MIS	27	74.4	40.0	20	3	2	1	1	158	79.7	57.5	87	46	14	10	1
Lee	FEL	89	216.5	126.0	20	23	13	8	25	216	90.2	77.0	84	70	38	23	1
	MIS	47	330.4	313.0	6	7	8	4	22	105	84.9	60.0	55	23	14	13	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**198**	**178.0**	**102.0**	**43**	**68**	**27**	**28**	**32**	**806**	**76.4**	**53.0**	**438**	**220**	**85**	**49**	**14**
	MIS	**110**	**210.3**	**960.0**	**47**	**17**	**12**	**9**	**25**	**315**	**81.0**	**60.0**	**167**	**89**	**31**	**27**	**1**
District 12																	
Cumberland	FEL	517	84.6	50.0	282	114	87	24	10	1,240	94.1	74.0	415	575	137	95	18
	MIS	113	68.9	34.0	75	17	10	10	1	531	85.2	81.0	199	266	31	33	2
Hoke	FEL	49	162.3	117.0	12	13	5	16	3	162	97.7	77.0	69	42	27	24	0
	MIS	29	70.5	89.0	10	18	1	0	0	86	133.9	102.0	27	21	16	22	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**566**	**91.3**	**50.0**	**294**	**127**	**92**	**40**	**13**	**1,402**	**94.5**	**117.0**	**484**	**617**	**164**	**119**	**18**
	MIS	**142**	**69.2**	**42.5**	**85**	**35**	**11**	**10**	**1**	**617**	**92.0**	**86.0**	**226**	**287**	**47**	**55**	**2**

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District 13																	
Bladen	FEL	27	139.3	104.0	10	5	8	2	2	116	103.7	81.0	36	42	25	12	1
	MIS	42	198.5	135.0	15	2	15	5	5	135	138.3	133.0	29	36	37	27	6
Brunswick	FEL	80	185.8	199.0	19	16	2	43	0	155	140.1	126.0	17	58	39	38	3
	MIS	38	105.2	94.0	13	14	6	5	0	134	104.9	75.0	41	49	17	27	0
Columbus	FEL	70	121.3	93.0	22	23	13	8	4	194	164.1	123.0	46	48	33	48	19
	MIS	92	115.1	65.5	43	26	14	1	8	219	168.4	134.0	52	34	58	58	17
District Totals	**FEL**	**177**	**153.2**	**113.0**	**51**	**44**	**23**	**53**	**6**	**465**	**141.0**	**73.0**	**99**	**148**	**97**	**98**	**23**
	MIS	**172**	**133.3**	**83.5**	**71**	**42**	**35**	**11**	**13**	**488**	**142.6**	**123.0**	**122**	**119**	**112**	**112**	**23**
District 14																	
Durham	**FEL**	**369**	**108.7**	**50.0**	**189**	**90**	**30**	**32**	**28**	**1,048**	**91.2**	**73.0**	**413**	**372**	**155**	**86**	**22**
	MIS	**109**	**138.6**	**85.0**	**40**	**30**	**17**	**11**	**11**	**191**	**96.3**	**80.0**	**71**	**74**	**24**	**18**	**4**
District 15A																	
Alamance	**FEL**	**151**	**145.2**	**99.0**	**46**	**68**	**20**	**10**	**7**	**655**	**96.8**	**87.0**	**156**	**331**	**133**	**25**	**10**
	MIS	**118**	**80.8**	**63.0**	**51**	**59**	**5**	**0**	**3**	**444**	**109.2**	**99.0**	**98**	**174**	**121**	**47**	**4**
District 15B																	
Chatham	FEL	54	42.4	1.0	43	6	4	0	1	134	66.9	59.5	67	47	12	8	0
	MIS	20	50.5	18.0	16	3	0	0	1	37	84.1	73.0	16	13	4	4	0
Orange	FEL	87	91.7	69.0	42	25	14	1	5	498	74.1	63.0	242	168	57	30	1
	MIS	39	56.6	55.0	20	19	0	0	0	185	63.9	73.0	77	88	16	4	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**141**	**72.8**	**34.0**	**85**	**31**	**18**	**1**	**6**	**632**	**72.6**	**76.0**	**309**	**215**	**69**	**38**	**1**
	MIS	**59**	**54.5**	**48.0**	**36**	**22**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**222**	**67.3**	**73.0**	**93**	**101**	**20**	**8**	**0**
District 16																	
Robeson	FEL	165	50.8	46.0	105	50	6	3	1	968	86.7	67.5	427	343	100	79	19
	MIS	72	84.7	48.0	42	21	3	1	5	324	89.3	54.0	176	78	32	33	5
Scotland	FEL	79	303.2	175.0	25	9	8	22	15	396	133.1	101.5	60	163	92	68	13
	MIS	84	265.2	118.0	13	29	6	14	22	186	157.6	109.0	35	65	31	42	13
District Totals	**FEL**	**244**	**132.5**	**50.0**	**130**	**59**	**14**	**25**	**16**	**1,364**	**100.2**	**79.0**	**487**	**506**	**192**	**147**	**32**
	MIS	**156**	**181.9**	**76.5**	**55**	**50**	**9**	**15**	**27**	**510**	**114.2**	**71.0**	**211**	**143**	**63**	**75**	**18**
District 17																	
Caswell	FEL	14	189.6	133.0	3	3	3	3	2	159	86.3	58.0	80	48	9	21	1
	MIS	18	239.6	286.0	5	0	1	9	3	112	85.5	59.0	59	25	14	14	0
Rockingham	FEL	177	126.1	113.0	50	59	35	28	5	726	108.6	84.0	223	332	51	109	11
	MIS	123	77.4	34.0	82	10	13	16	2	707	71.4	58.0	360	248	75	21	3
Stokes	FEL	20	81.1	54.5	14	2	2	2	0	186	98.8	78.0	55	85	24	21	1
	MIS	50	96.6	59.5	25	8	9	7	1	171	98.1	85.0	53	65	29	24	0
Surry	FEL	138	157.5	121.0	27	42	19	46	4	461	105.6	82.0	138	188	70	58	7
	MIS	218	142.7	105.0	81	37	31	57	12	785	88.6	82.0	301	262	120	99	3
District Totals	**FEL**	**349**	**138.6**	**110.0**	**94**	**106**	**59**	**79**	**11**	**1,532**	**104.2**	**79.0**	**496**	**653**	**154**	**209**	**20**
	MIS	**409**	**121.7**	**75.0**	**193**	**55**	**54**	**89**	**18**	**1,775**	**82.4**	**69.0**	**773**	**600**	**238**	**158**	**6**

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District 18																	
Guilford																	
Greensboro	FEL	691	134.6	83.0	258	225	82	58	68	2,875	122.4	97.0	874	970	519	420	92
	MIS	110	113.2	48.0	66	17	10	8	9	718	89.0	65.0	329	236	80	57	16
High Point	FEL	220	98.6	69.0	93	61	31	34	1	684	110.7	93.0	230	206	154	86	8
	MIS	45	73.0	28.0	29	7	2	7	0	286	79.1	68.0	129	108	27	22	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**911**	**125.9**	**78.0**	**351**	**286**	**113**	**92**	**69**	**3,559**	**120.2**	**96.0**	**1,104**	**1,176**	**673**	**506**	**100**
	MIS	**155**	**101.5**	**41.0**	**95**	**24**	**12**	**15**	**9**	**1,004**	**86.2**	**67.0**	**458**	**344**	**107**	**79**	**16**
District 19A																	
Carbarrus	FEL	202	157.3	64.0	86	33	20	48	15	666	76.4	68.5	297	258	78	33	0
	MIS	252	139.3	98.0	81	85	34	27	25	585	80.1	71.0	224	276	57	26	2
Rowan	FEL	206	173.3	62.0	103	36	31	16	20	637	91.1	61.0	314	210	53	33	27
	MIS	158	152.3	57.0	83	28	13	27	7	437	121.2	62.0	213	119	49	26	30
District Totals	**FEL**	**408**	**165.4**	**64.0**	**189**	**69**	**51**	**64**	**35**	**1,303**	**83.6**	**63.0**	**611**	**468**	**131**	**66**	**27**
	MIS	**410**	**144.3**	**82.0**	**164**	**113**	**47**	**54**	**32**	**1,022**	**97.7**	**68.0**	**437**	**395**	**106**	**52**	**32**
District 19B																	
Montgomery	FEL	49	211.2	202.0	14	3	6	22	4	122	86.7	74.5	58	36	11	17	0
	MIS	53	136.3	49.0	32	0	10	5	6	108	91.8	82.0	46	37	12	13	0
Randolph	FEL	244	170.8	113.0	57	90	41	37	19	331	125.2	109.0	61	139	59	61	11
	MIS	163	146.1	118.0	50	34	36	32	11	370	125.3	100.0	83	147	51	81	8
District Totals	**FEL**	**293**	**177.6**	**113.0**	**71**	**93**	**47**	**59**	**23**	**453**	**114.8**	**98.0**	**119**	**175**	**70**	**78**	**11**
	MIS	**216**	**143.7**	**111.0**	**82**	**34**	**46**	**37**	**17**	**478**	**117.7**	**97.0**	**129**	**184**	**63**	**94**	**8**
District 20																	
Anson	FEL	30	55.0	33.0	24	4	0	1	1	160	59.8	54.0	87	59	10	4	0
	MIS	36	47.2	22.5	27	6	2	1	0	153	70.1	53.0	92	40	10	11	0
Moore	FEL	144	130.1	34.0	91	14	18	11	10	320	70.1	42.0	198	68	37	15	2
	MIS	90	95.4	54.0	48	14	12	14	2	328	80.5	59.0	165	117	32	11	3
Richmond	FEL	47	74.6	61.0	23	15	4	5	0	499	73.7	54.0	280	125	66	24	4
	MIS	44	93.9	41.0	26	10	1	6	1	249	72.5	49.0	152	58	18	20	1
Stanly	FEL	92	107.2	50.0	48	13	13	14	4	373	86.1	65.0	159	162	27	18	7
	MIS	86	135.2	82.0	35	20	15	9	7	296	114.6	80.0	101	105	54	19	17
Union	FEL	79	266.0	33.0	44	8	2	2	23	657	79.0	56.0	342	249	36	15	15
	MIS	59	67.3	22.0	44	3	6	4	2	419	62.0	47.0	265	121	13	18	2
District Totals	**FEL**	**392**	**139.7**	**34.0**	**230**	**54**	**37**	**33**	**38**	**2,009**	**76.1**	**56.0**	**1,066**	**663**	**176**	**76**	**28**
	MIS	**315**	**95.3**	**48.0**	**180**	**53**	**36**	**34**	**12**	**1,445**	**79.6**	**56.0**	**775**	**441**	**127**	**79**	**23**
District 21																	
Forsyth	**FEL**	**351**	**66.4**	**47.0**	**206**	**100**	**27**	**17**	**1**	**1,853**	**65.2**	**51.0**	**1,110**	**521**	**142**	**75**	**5**
	MIS	**437**	**40.7**	**21.0**	**387**	**22**	**11**	**14**	**3**	**1,564**	**49.4**	**38.0**	**1,205**	**257**	**63**	**37**	**2**

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District 22																	
Alexander	FEL	2	224.0	223.5	1	0	0	0	1	73	74.4	51.0	41	16	14	2	0
	MIS	16	125.6	29.0	15	0	0	0	1	127	89.7	58.0	80	26	12	3	6
Davidson	FEL	73	142.2	82.0	18	34	11	5	5	443	111.8	103.0	144	135	83	73	8
	MIS	104	52.0	39.0	69	24	7	4	0	371	67.2	49.0	207	99	43	21	1
Davie	FEL	42	84.8	83.0	16	20	0	6	0	81	64.0	56.0	42	32	4	3	0
	MIS	17	43.8	35.0	14	2	1	0	0	74	82.8	77.0	29	33	5	7	0
Iredell	FEL	104	81.0	46.0	57	24	12	11	0	352	113.3	64.5	165	113	33	31	10
	MIS	109	100.6	81.0	44	23	36	3	3	375	62.8	41.0	255	77	27	16	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**221**	**103.2**	**83.0**	**92**	**78**	**23**	**22**	**6**	**949**	**105.4**	**74.0**	**392**	**296**	**134**	**109**	**18**
	MIS	**246**	**77.8**	**50.0**	**142**	**49**	**44**	**7**	**4**	**947**	**69.7**	**49.0**	**571**	**235**	**87**	**47**	**7**
District 23																	
Alleghany	FEL	3	296.3	335.0	1	0	0	1	1	21	210.5	184.0	3	5	0	11	2
	MIS	11	191.2	195.0	3	2	0	3	3	35	137.5	145.0	13	2	9	10	1
Ashe	FEL	23	225.4	117.0	6	6	3	1	7	44	105.4	70.0	13	20	1	9	1
	MIS	37	135.0	117.0	18	1	9	8	1	84	105.4	66.0	41	18	12	11	2
Wilkes	FEL	117	263.9	272.0	39	0	0	53	25	181	112.5	87.0	50	62	42	21	6
	MIS	220	254.3	257.0	79	0	0	74	67	199	109.1	79.0	56	69	52	16	6
Yadkin	FEL	50	144.0	83.0	8	19	11	11	1	193	142.8	129.0	34	39	87	26	7
	MIS	57	130.9	76.0	24	14	8	8	3	178	99.2	77.0	61	63	31	22	1
District Totals	**FEL**	**193**	**228.8**	**201.0**	**54**	**25**	**14**	**66**	**34**	**439**	**129.8**	**112.0**	**100**	**126**	**130**	**67**	**16**
	MIS	**325**	**216.9**	**195.0**	**124**	**17**	**17**	**93**	**74**	**496**	**106.9**	**77.0**	**171**	**152**	**104**	**59**	**10**
District 24																	
Avery	FEL	25	328.2	82.0	10	4	0	3	8	99	151.4	113.0	25	29	10	32	3
	MIS	21	224.6	147.0	4	6	3	5	3	38	126.0	90.0	12	11	6	8	1
Madison	FEL	35	785.8	496.0	3	9	1	0	22	84	152.9	138.5	17	18	28	16	5
	MIS	14	162.6	75.0	2	7	0	4	1	33	167.7	62.0	14	5	3	6	5
Mitchell	FEL	32	90.8	48.0	26	1	0	3	2	63	84.4	79.0	12	40	9	2	0
	MIS	4	114.0	38.0	3	0	0	1	0	15	114.3	83.0	6	3	2	4	0
Watauga	FEL	68	160.1	103.0	23	22	4	12	7	168	105.6	75.0	64	54	20	27	3
	MIS	15	177.7	106.0	4	5	2	2	2	30	86.0	80.0	11	14	3	1	1
Yancey	FEL	17	223.1	134.0	4	0	5	5	3	43	130.4	62.0	20	9	4	6	4
	MIS	20	123.0	110.5	5	9	3	2	1	25	299.5	258.0	6	2	1	6	10
District Totals	**FEL**	**177**	**301.1**	**103.0**	**66**	**36**	**10**	**23**	**42**	**457**	**123.6**	**85.0**	**138**	**150**	**71**	**83**	**15**
	MIS	**74**	**169.9**	**99.0**	**18**	**27**	**8**	**14**	**7**	**141**	**156.8**	**87.0**	**49**	**35**	**15**	**25**	**17**

AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 25																	
Burke	FEL	125	141.2	127.0	14	19	74	17	1	284	77.6	65.0	112	140	21	10	1
	MIS	38	140.0	84.0	12	11	8	5	2	175	78.8	57.0	92	51	19	11	2
Caldwell	FEL	67	360.3	426.0	13	7	5	5	37	185	98.8	87.0	73	63	16	31	2
	MIS	53	141.9	81.0	24	8	6	8	7	215	70.5	55.0	118	70	17	10	0
Catawba	FEL	360	111.6	42.0	197	63	28	40	32	737	126.1	103.0	127	396	132	48	34
	MIS	148	164.5	48.0	80	24	7	14	23	317	110.7	74.0	75	186	27	15	14
District Totals	**FEL**	**552**	**148.5**	**90.0**	**224**	**89**	**107**	**62**	**70**	**1,206**	**110.5**	**90.0**	**312**	**599**	**169**	**89**	**37**
	MIS	**239**	**155.6**	**64.0**	**116**	**43**	**21**	**27**	**32**	**707**	**90.6**	**67.0**	**285**	**307**	**63**	**36**	**16**
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	**FEL**	**709**	**152.5**	**76.0**	**266**	**218**	**61**	**116**	**48**	**2,063**	**133.2**	**94.0**	**511**	**869**	**397**	**218**	**68**
	MIS	**190**	**209.3**	**74.5**	**71**	**49**	**15**	**17**	**38**	**751**	**145.8**	**88.0**	**261**	**238**	**128**	**80**	**44**
District 27A																	
Gaston	**FEL**	**194**	**108.4**	**52.0**	**106**	**37**	**8**	**34**	**9**	**1,520**	**84.3**	**70.,0**	**658**	**565**	**204**	**84**	**9**
	MIS	**98**	**104.1**	**48.0**	**55**	**10**	**12**	**15**	**6**	**619**	**55.9**	**40.0**	**420**	**137**	**39**	**19**	**4**
District 27B																	
Cleveland	FEL	89	77.4	55.0	66	7	4	9	3	461	140.8	99.0	96	186	104	38	37
	MIS	33	61.9	40.0	25	5	1	2	0	231	113.5	84.0	78	78	46	18	11
Lincoln	FEL	20	96.0	102.0	5	14	0	0	1	190	91.6	62.5	71	85	20	4	10
	MIS	11	28.4	20.0	11	0	0	0	0	68	79.1	55.0	37	11	17	3	0
District Totals	**FEL**	**109**	**80.8**	**55.0**	**71**	**21**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**651**	**126.4**	**90.0**	**167**	**271**	**124**	**42**	**47**
	MIS	**44**	**53.5**	**39.5**	**36**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**299**	**105.7**	**77.0**	**115**	**89**	**63**	**21**	**11**
District 28																	
Buncombe	**FEL**	**225**	**117.2**	**61.0**	**107**	**63**	**21**	**8**	**26**	**1,128**	**87.6**	**63.0**	**509**	**453**	**91**	**43**	**32**
	MIS	**61**	**114.6**	**50.0**	**32**	**13**	**5**	**5**	**6**	**545**	**65.1**	**48.0**	**317**	**178**	**29**	**19**	**2**
District 29																	
Henderson	FEL	90	137.6	129.5	26	14	31	17	2	164	173.5	85.0	48	51	28	16	21
	MIS	25	155.5	83.0	12	2	5	4	2	61	128.9	128.0	15	12	20	13	1
McDowell	FEL	122	245.5	190.5	32	4	19	42	25	121	172.5	89.0	15	76	8	9	13
	MIS	37	157.9	141.5	12	2	6	15	2	82	142.4	84.0	21	35	12	4	10
Polk	FEL	25	232.6	48.0	13	2	3	2	5	130	313.9	300.0	4	10	9	74	33
	MIS	22	140.1	88.0	6	8	4	2	2	36	226.6	138.0	1	8	11	8	8
Rutherford	FEL	109	98.8	53.0	66	13	17	10	3	248	107.9	89.5	64	101	50	28	5
	MIS	61	82.3	70.0	28	25	5	1	2	180	115.8	108.0	44	73	38	21	4
Translyvania	FEL	78	258.6	154.0	9	4	40	12	13	96	184.9	141.0	36	7	27	12	14
	MIS	20	568.7	396.5	3	4	1	2	10	25	115.6	71.0	9	8	4	2	2
District Totals	**FEL**	**424**	**186.5**	**147.5**	**146**	**37**	**110**	**83**	**48**	**759**	**177.4**	**110.0**	**167**	**245**	**122**	**139**	**86**
	MIS	**165**	**177.0**	**83.0**	**61**	**41**	**21**	**24**	**18**	**384**	**133.9**	**108.5**	**90**	**136**	**85**	**48**	**25**

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District 30																	
Cherokee	FEL	49	93.4	84.0	9	29	8	3	0	96	214.2	105.0	24	30	14	10	18
	MIS	14	145.8	129.0	1	6	2	5	0	89	243.7	161.0	3	35	12	26	13
Clay	FEL	7	245.0	257.0	0	0	1	6	0	62	89.2	21.0	33	10	1	17	1
	MIS	4	94.2	75.0	1	2	1	0	0	15	148.5	87.0	1	8	1	4	1
Graham	FEL	6	189.8	92.5	0	4	0	1	1	42	72.3	41.0	30	5	4	1	2
	MIS	31	234.7	182.0	7	5	3	8	8	34	211.2	165.0	10	3	7	8	6
Haywood	FEL	206	277.9	147.0	70	28	16	46	46	364	109.1	84.0	136	123	50	51	4
	MIS	90	278.5	153.0	23	15	10	25	17	255	206.7	110.0	64	76	30	36	49
Jackson	FEL	82	209.5	155.0	9	8	42	8	15	243	77.9	48.0	168	26	25	15	9
	MIS	55	288.3	162.0	5	5	19	12	14	68	205.5	158.5	2	18	18	21	9
Macon	FEL	36	346.4	372.0	0	12	1	5	18	134	122.1	46.0	74	14	17	19	10
	MIS	42	283.8	262.0	5	9	2	15	11	45	195.6	136.0	5	13	9	11	7
Swain	FEL	18	179.4	132.0	3	5	4	3	3	27	95.9	33.0	16	2	0	8	1
	MIS	9	146.2	92.0	4	1	1	1	2	32	178.3	122.0	5	10	5	8	4
District Totals	**FEL**	**404**	**241.5**	**155.0**	**91**	**86**	**72**	**72**	**83**	**96.8**	**110.3**	**63.0**	**481**	**210**	**111**	**121**	**45**
	MIS	**245**	**260.6**	**162.0**	**46**	**43**	**38**	**66**	**52**	**538**	**208.7**	**130.5**	**90**	**163**	**82**	**114**	**89**
State Totals	**FEL**	**11,607**	**143.9**	**81.0**	**4,649**	**2,947**	**1,444**	**1,671**	**896**	**41,341**	**100.4**	**71.0**	**17,103**	**13,960**	**5,333**	**3,794**	**1,151**
	MIS	**7,119**	**133.0**	**64.0**	**3,396**	**1,514**	**730**	**874**	**605**	**25,223**	**93.7**	**64.0**	**12,008**	**7,415**	**2,906**	**2,226**	**668**

PART IV, Section 2

District Court Division
Caseflow Data

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow in 1980-81 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts, including those handled by magistrates.

When the plantiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed $1,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates also have certain criminal case jurisdiction. They may accept written appearance and waiver of trial, with plea of guilty, and enter judgment in accord with the schedule of fines promulgated by chief district judges for traffic offenses. Also, magistrates may accept guilty pleas in other misdemeanor cases where the judgment cannot be in excess of 30 days or $50 fine; and may hear and enter judgment in worthless check cases where the amount involved is $500 or less, and any prison sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil and criminal cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

This section contains data on three major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Civil cases include cases assigned to magistrates (small claims as defined above), domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and non-motor criminal cases.

As the pie charts on the following page illustrate, district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in the 1980-81 year greatly out-numbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases constituted slightly more than one-half of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases amounted to twenty-six and a half per cent. The greatest portion of civil cases were small claims referred to magistrates. This pattern is consistent with that of previous years.

The large volume categories of criminal motor-vehicle and civil magistrate cases are not reported by case file numbers. Therefore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resource to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

The same observation applies to juvenile proceedings and to hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental hospital facilities. These cases also are not reported by case file numbers.

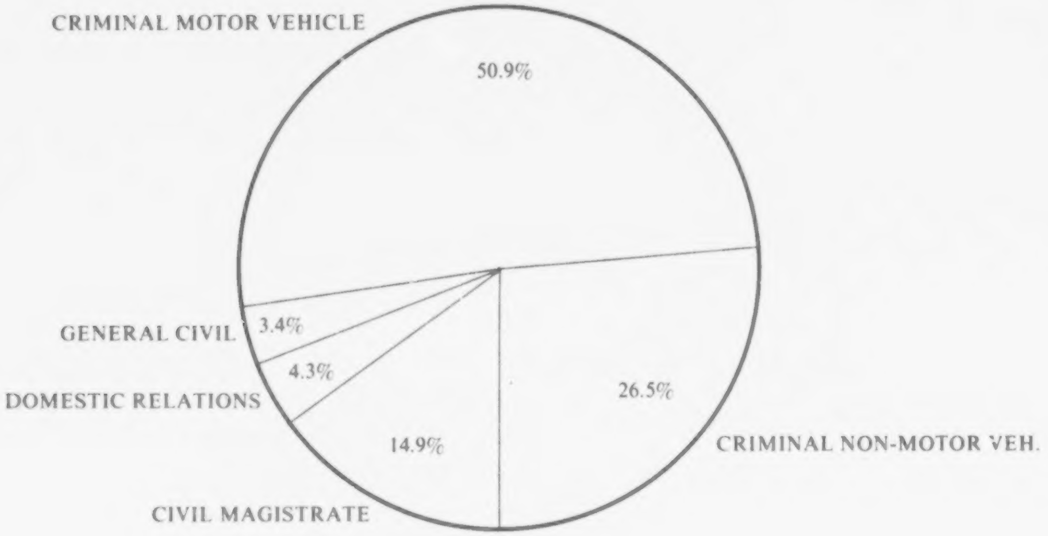
Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

Data on district court hearings for mental hospital commitments and recommitments is reported in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents".

The statewide total of district court filings during 1980-81, not including juvenile cases and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,520,826 cases, compared with 1,458,647 during 1979-80, an increase of 62,179 (4.3%). The criminal non-motor vehicle case cateogry contributed the most increase, from 365,516 filings in 1979-80 to 402,900 case filings in 1980-81, a 10.3% increase. There was a 9.1% increase in civil case filings, from a total of 315,867 cases in 1979-80 to 344,483 cases in 1980-81. Motor vehicle criminal case filings decreased about one-half of one per cent, from 777,264 cases in 1979-80 to 773,443 cases in 1980-81.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1980-81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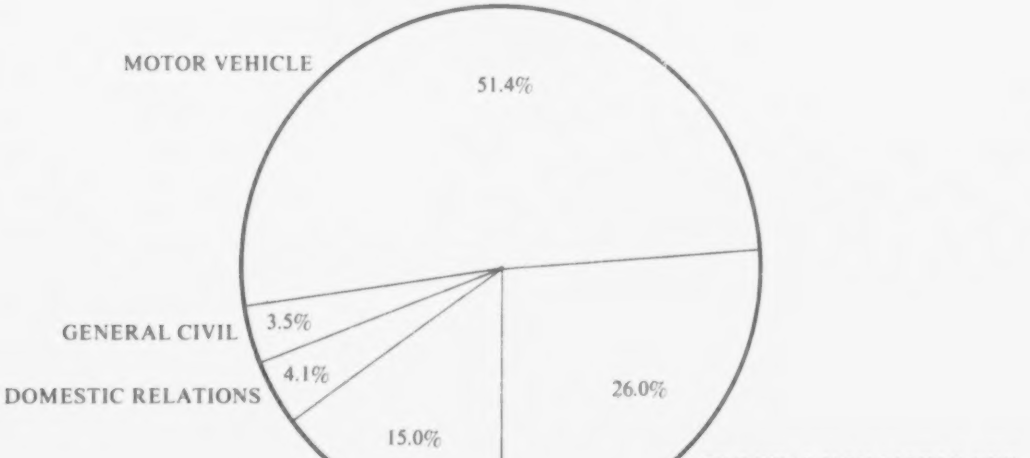
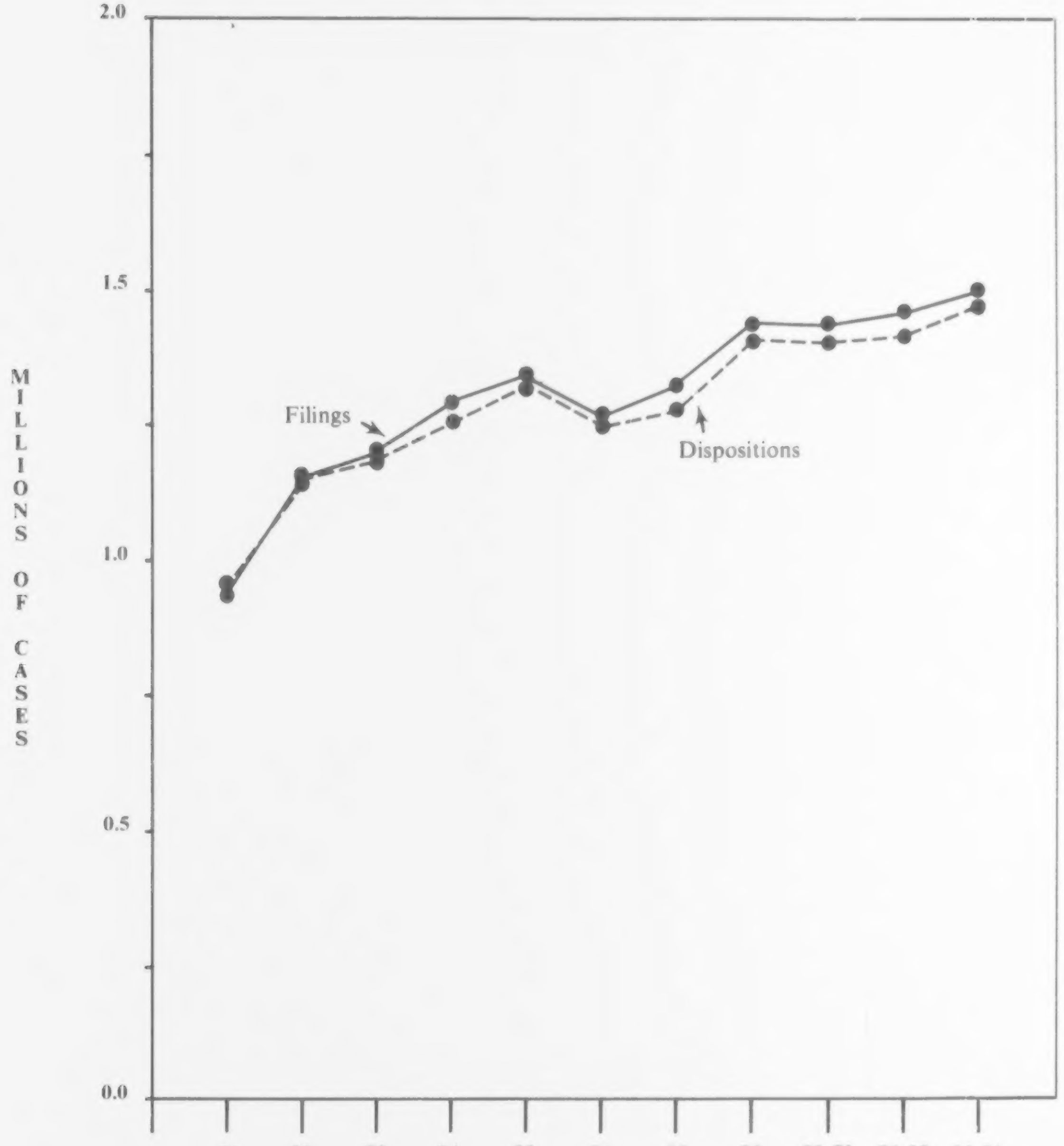

DISPOSITIONS

Criminal motor vehicle (traffic) cases dominate the caseload in North Carolina's district courts, accounting for more than half of total filings and dispositions in 1980-81 as shown above. The percentages by case categories for 1980-81 are similar to those of previous years; these percentages change little from year to year.

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

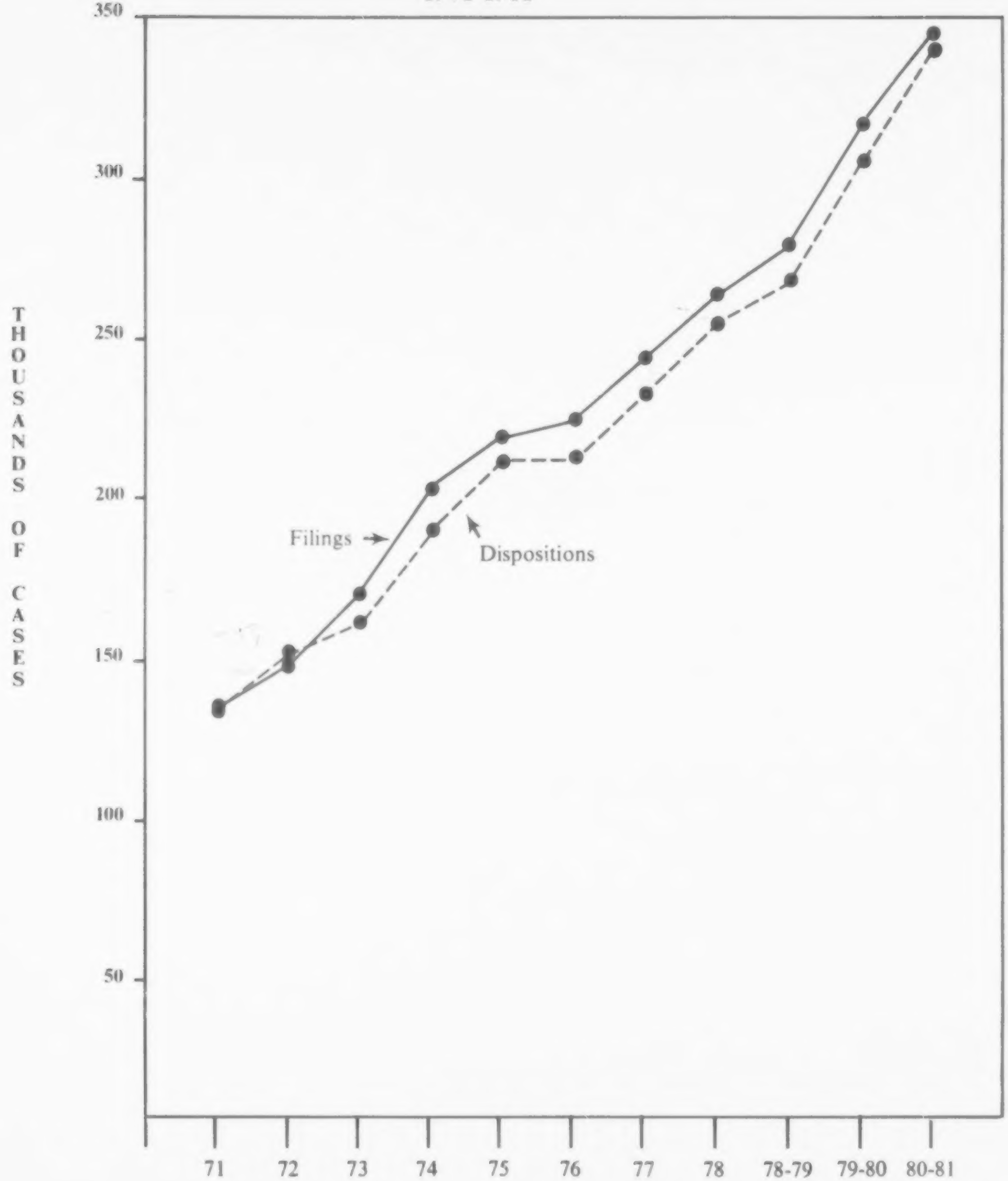
Filing And Disposition Trends In The District Courts 1971-1981



Depicted on this graph are all civil and criminal case filings and dispositions for the last decade, including traffic offenses and civil magistrate cases. Any overall picture of district court action is influenced greatly by criminal caseload; for example, criminal cases accounted for 77.3% of the district court filings and dispositions during the 1980-81 year.

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

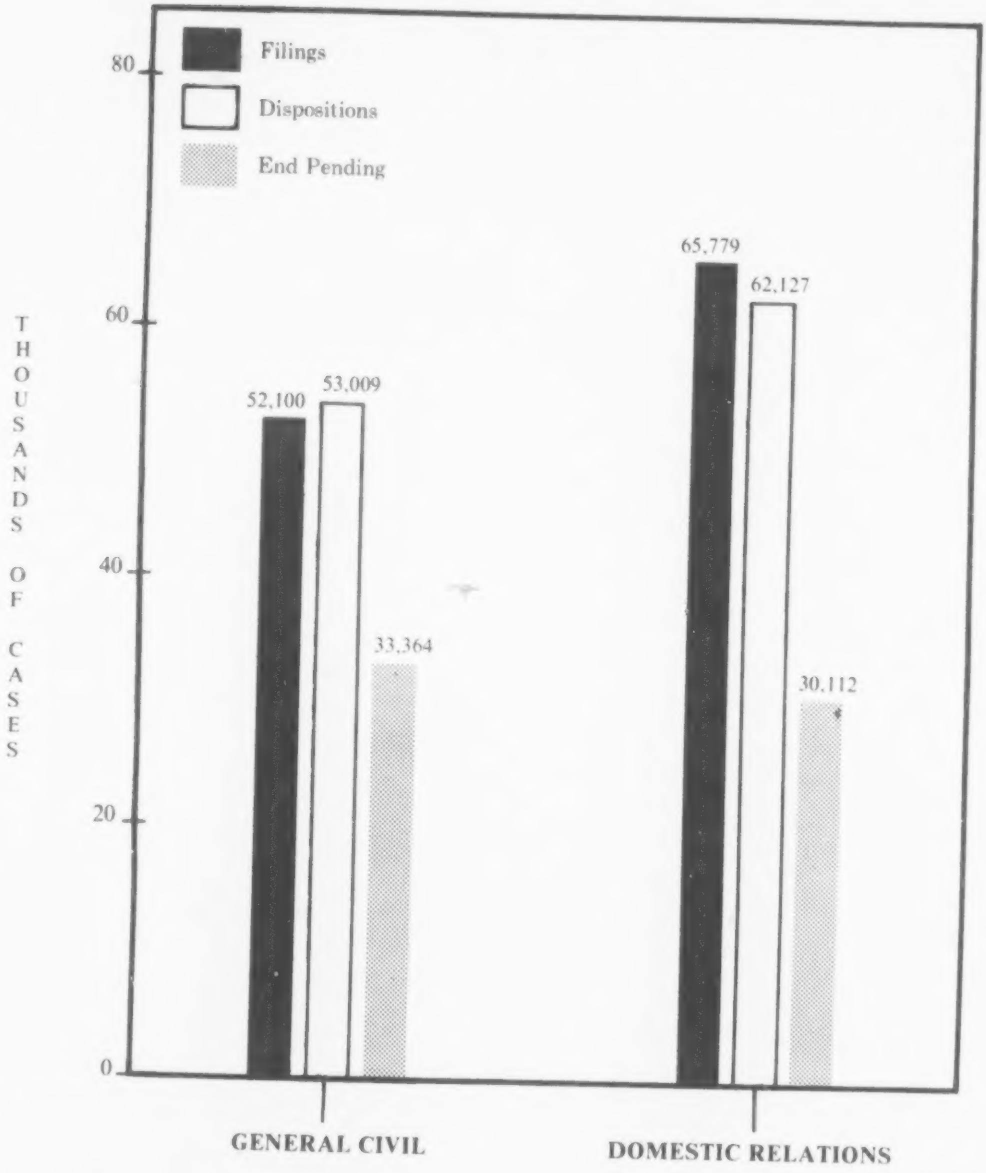
Filing And Disposition Trends Of Civil District Court Cases
1971-1981



As indicated in this graph, civil district court case filings show a steady upward trend. All categories of civil cases have contributed to the yearly increases; during the 1980-81 year, general civil case filings increased by 6.6%, domestic relations case filings grew 9.9%, and civil magistrate filings rose 9.4% over the case filings during the 1979-80 fiscal year.

GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Cases In The District Courts
1980-81



General civil case dispositions in the district courts outnumbered case filings during the 1980-81 year, resulting in a reduction in the number of cases pending at the end of the year as compared with the number of cases pending at the beginning of the 1980-81 year. Domestic relations case filings comprised 55.8% of civil case filings in district courts during the 1980-81 year, not including civil magistrate cases. Some of the numbers in the domestic relations category can be attributed to post-disposition actions in cases previously filed, with the post-disposition proceedings counted as new case filings. The general civil category is not comparable to the domestic relations category in this sense as there are few post-disposition proceedings in general civil cases.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/80	**Total**	**General Civil**	**Domestic Relations**	**Total Caseload**	**Disposed**	**% Caseload Disposed**	**Pending 6/30/81**
District 1								
Camden	15	51	9	42	66	42	63.6	24
Chowan	106	303	81	222	409	260	63.5	149
Currituck	101	147	66	81	248	168	67.7	80
Dare	155	334	196	138	489	325	66.4	164
Gates	49	98	22	76	147	92	62.5	55
Pasquotank	217	620	217	403	837	590	70.4	247
Perquimans	38	97	36	61	135	103	76.2	32
District Totals	**681**	**1,650**	**627**	**1,023**	**2,331**	**1,580**	**67.7**	**751**
District 2								
Beaufort	254	576	178	398	830	528	63.6	302
Hyde	28	70	21	49	98	72	73.4	26
Martin	176	365	108	257	546	353	64.6	188
Tyrrell	16	40	11	29	56	33	58.9	23
Washington	119	271	138	133	390	301	77.1	89
District Totals	**593**	**1,322**	**456**	**866**	**1,915**	**1,287**	**67.2**	**628**
District 3								
Carteret	399	816	252	564	1,215	682	56.1	533
Craven	805	1,968	748	1,220	2,773	1,673	60.3	1,100
Pamlico	65	135	37	98	210	125	59.5	75
Pitt	876	1,647	722	925	2,523	1,369	54.2	1,154
District Totals	**2,145**	**4,566**	**1,759**	**2,807**	**6,711**	**3,849**	**57.3**	**2,862**
District 4								
Duplin	298	580	310	270	878	451	51.3	427
Jones	56	138	37	101	194	124	63.9	70
Onslow	1,110	1,982	383	1,599	3,092	1,918	62.0	1,174
Sampson	394	906	278	628	1,300	739	56.8	561
District Totals	**1,858**	**3,606**	**1,008**	**2,598**	**5,464**	**3,232**	**59.1**	**2,232**
District 5								
New Hanover	1,907	3,094	1,605	1,489	5,001	3,675	73.4	1,326
Pender	192	277	122	155	469	337	71.8	132
District Totals	**2,099**	**3,371**	**1,727**	**1,644**	**5,470**	**4,012**	**73.3**	**1,458**
District 6								
Bertie	114	234	60	174	348	252	72.4	96
Halifax	367	774	232	542	1,141	925	81.0	216
Hertford	164	606	387	219	770	453	58.8	317
Northampton	87	268	170	98	355	281	79.1	74
District Totals	**732**	**1,882**	**849**	**1,033**	**2,614**	**1,911**	**73.1**	**703**
District 7								
Edgecombe	867	887	399	488	1,754	1,068	60.8	686
Nash	525	1,263	466	797	1,788	1,070	59.8	718
Wilson	879	1,511	590	921	2,390	1,693	70.8	697
District Totals	**2,271**	**3,661**	**1,455**	**2,206**	**5,932**	**3,831**	**64.5**	**2,101**
District 8								
Greene	77	201	141	60	278	222	79.8	56
Lenoir	681	2,180	678	1,502	2,861	2,073	72.4	788
Wayne	1,795	2,545	1,235	1,310	4,340	2,512	57.8	1,828
District Totals	**2,553**	**4,926**	**2,054**	**2,872**	**7,479**	**4,807**	**64.2**	**2,672**

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/80	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 9								
Franklin	168	414	200	214	582	369	63.4	213
Granville	195	395	194	201	590	437	74.0	153
Person	253	481	195	286	734	455	61.9	279
Vance	305	756	190	566	1,061	741	69.8	320
Warren	246	486	106	380	732	312	42.6	420
District Totals	**1,167**	**2,532**	**885**	**1,647**	**3,699**	**2,314**	**62.5**	**1,385**
District 10								
Wake	**5,434**	**8,273**	**4,874**	**3,399**	**13,707**	**9,119**	**66.5**	**4,588**
District 11								
Harnett	755	1,053	516	537	1,808	1,035	57.2	773
Johnston	1,000	1,642	773	869	2,642	1,611	60.9	1,031
Lee	649	856	668	188	1,505	837	55.6	668
District Totals	**2,404**	**3,551**	**1,957**	**1,594**	**5,955**	**3,483**	**58.4**	**2,472**
District 12								
Cumberland	2,025	4,921	1,370	3,551	6,946	4,405	63.4	2,541
Hoke	97	340	170	170	437	316	72.3	121
District Totals	**2,122**	**5,261**	**1,540**	**3,721**	**7,383**	**4,721**	**63.9**	**2,662**
District 13								
Bladen	166	582	343	239	748	590	78.8	158
Brunswick	402	765	265	500	1,167	770	65.9	397
Columbus	590	1,054	408	646	1,644	1,163	70.7	481
District Totals	**1,158**	**2,401**	**1,016**	**1,385**	**3,559**	**2,523**	**70.8**	**1,036**
District 14								
Durham	**2,912**	**3,907**	**2,252**	**1,655**	**6,819**	**4,558**	**66.8**	**2,261**
District 15A								
Alamance	**423**	**1,746**	**647**	**1,099**	**2,169**	**1,661**	**76.5**	**508**
District 15B								
Chatham	195	403	132	271	598	402	67.2	196
Orange	721	824	423	401	1,545	601	38.8	944
District Totals	**916**	**1,227**	**555**	**672**	**2,143**	**1,003**	**46.8**	**1,140**
District 16								
Robeson	1,049	2,656	987	1,669	3,705	2,554	68.9	1,151
Scotland	236	538	180	358	774	553	71.4	221
District Totals	**1,285**	**3,194**	**1,167**	**2,027**	**4,479**	**3,107**	**69.3**	**1,372**
District 17								
Caswell	73	178	56	122	251	158	62.9	93
Rockingham	500	1,335	527	808	1,835	1,304	71.0	531
Stokes	132	264	89	175	396	266	67.1	130
Surry	441	956	447	509	1,397	915	65.4	482
District Totals	**1,146**	**2,733**	**1,119**	**1,614**	**3,879**	**2,643**	**68.1**	**1,236**
District 18								
Guilford	**4,139**	**8,091**	**3,918**	**4,173**	**12,230**	**8,531**	**69.7**	**3,699**

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/80	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 19A								
Cabarrus	1,119	1,630	789	841	2,749	1,773	64.4	976
Rowan	590	1,275	491	784	1,865	1,300	69.7	565
District Totals	**1,709**	**2,905**	**1,280**	**1,625**	**4,614**	**3,073**	**66.6**	**1,541**
District 19B								
Montgomery	293	275	198	77	568	410	72.1	158
Randolph	282	1,219	338	881	1,501	1,173	78.1	328
District Totals	**575**	**1,494**	**536**	**958**	**2,069**	**1,583**	**76.5**	**486**
District 20								
Anson	136	308	85	223	444	289	65.0	155
Moore	413	777	330	447	1,190	769	64.6	421
Richmond	645	700	283	417	1,345	589	43.7	756
Stanly	404	686	463	223	1,090	725	66.5	365
Union	377	902	421	481	1,279	737	57.6	542
District Totals	**1,975**	**3,373**	**1,582**	**1,791**	**5,348**	**3,109**	**58.1**	**2,239**
District 21								
Forsyth	**2,205**	**6,529**	**3,336**	**3,193**	**8,734**	**6,154**	**70.4**	**2,580**
District 22								
Alexander	99	232	110	122	331	209	63.1	122
Davidson	430	1,522	519	1,003	1,952	1,394	71.4	558
Davie	138	292	128	164	430	313	72.7	117
Iredell	402	1,329	731	598	1,731	1,210	69.9	521
District Totals	**1,069**	**3,375**	**1,488**	**1,887**	**4,444**	**3,126**	**70.3**	**1,318**
District 23								
Alleghany	42	200	80	120	242	185	76.4	57
Ashe	91	170	68	102	261	177	67.8	84
Wilkes	431	1,530	1,038	492	1,961	1,391	70.9	570
Yadkin	133	377	146	231	510	375	73.5	135
District Totals	**697**	**2,277**	**1,332**	**945**	**2,974**	**2,128**	**71.5**	**846**
District 24								
Avery	82	185	110	75	267	171	64.0	96
Madison	38	124	44	80	162	95	58.6	67
Mitchell	62	160	86	74	222	153	68.9	69
Watauga	200	378	219	159	578	445	76.9	133
Yancey	51	183	71	112	234	149	63.6	85
District Totals	**433**	**1,030**	**530**	**500**	**1,463**	**1,013**	**69.2**	**450**
District 25								
Burke	657	1,359	429	930	2,016	1,229	60.9	787
Caldwell	526	1,137	516	621	1,663	1,005	60.4	658
Catawba	900	1,988	920	1,068	2,888	1,869	64.7	1,019
District Totals	**2,083**	**4,484**	**1,865**	**2,619**	**6,567**	**4,103**	**62.4**	**2,464**
District 26								
Mecklenburg	**8,641**	**11,708**	**6,048**	**5,660**	**20,349**	**10,526**	**51.7**	**9,823**
District 27A								
Gaston	**1,737**	**3,392**	**775**	**2,617**	**5,129**	**3,476**	**67.7**	**1,653**

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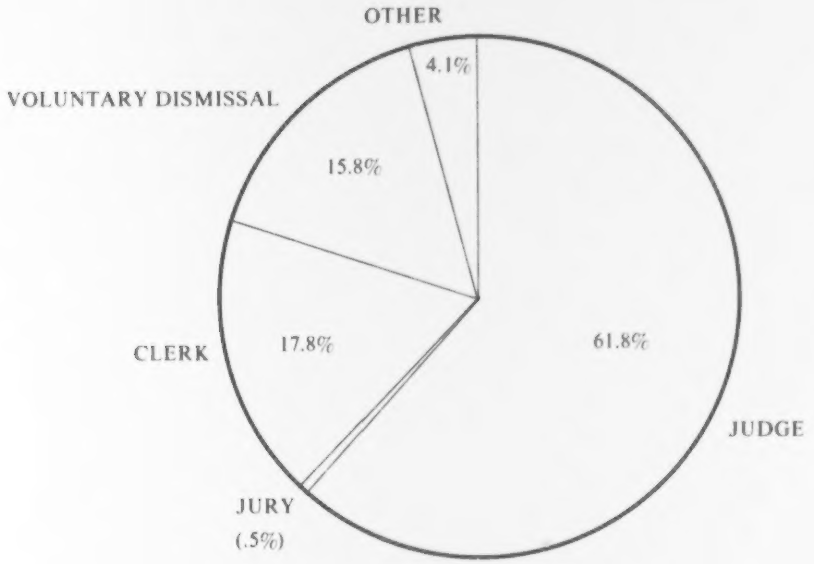
	Pending 7/1/80	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
District 27B								
Cleveland	416	1,232	395	837	1,648	1,235	74.9	413
Lincoln	165	746	374	372	911	646	70.9	265
District Totals	**581**	**1,978**	**769**	**1,209**	**2,559**	**1,881**	**73.5**	**678**
District 28								
Buncombe	**1,190**	**3,462**	**1,264**	**2,198**	**4,652**	**3,208**	**68.9**	**1,444**
District 29								
Henderson	368	778	297	481	1,146	652	56.8	494
McDowell	197	431	120	311	628	413	65.7	215
Polk	39	111	30	81	150	87	58.0	63
Rutherford	238	652	282	370	890	657	73.8	233
Transylvania	218	355	140	215	573	306	53.4	267
District Totals	**1,060**	**2,327**	**869**	**1,458**	**3,387**	**2,115**	**62.4**	**1,272**
District 30								
Cherokee	105	233	2	231	338	237	70.1	101
Clay	18	72	32	40	90	75	83.3	15
Graham	27	78	9	69	105	70	66.6	35
Haywood	197	595	180	415	792	514	64.8	278
Jackson	134	344	176	168	478	250	52.3	228
Macon	146	177	60	117	323	168	52.0	155
Swain	113	146	102	44	259	155	59.8	104
District Totals	**740**	**1,645**	**561**	**1,084**	**2,385**	**1,469**	**61.5**	**916**
State Totals	**60,733**	**117,879**	**52,100**	**65,779**	**178,612**	**115,136**	**64.4**	**63,476**

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

1980-81



This graph does not include civil magistrate cases; thus, most of the remaining civil district court cases were disposed by judges. Only 605 jury trials were held in district courts for civil cases during the 1980-81 year.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other
District 1											
Camden	42	0	0	1	4	2	26	0	0	4	5
Chowan	260	21	0	35	40	0	160	0	0	2	2
Currituck	168	22	0	15	30	10	66	0	0	17	8
Dare	325	53	0	64	72	9	109	0	0	13	5
Gates	92	3	0	17	12	0	55	0	2	3	0
Pasquotank	590	38	2	73	31	36	369	1	2	21	17
Perquimans	103	9	0	18	15	1	45	0	0	12	3
District Totals	**1,580**	**146**	**2**	**223**	**204**	**58**	**830**	**1**	**4**	**72**	**40**
District 2											
Beaufort	528	30	6	45	42	12	338	0	7	29	19
Hyde	72	9	0	10	4	0	43	1	0	3	2
Martin	353	23	1	43	16	22	237	2	3	4	2
Tyrrell	33	4	0	3	0	0	21	0	1	2	2
Washington	301	27	2	77	45	5	127	1	2	7	8
District Totals	**1,287**	**93**	**9**	**178**	**107**	**39**	**766**	**4**	**13**	**45**	**33**
District 3											
Carteret	682	80	6	65	70	11	410	0	2	25	13
Craven	1,673	139	9	289	179	11	896	0	14	117	19
Pamlico	125	16	0	4	9	1	71	0	1	15	8
Pitt	1,369	194	1	275	161	56	619	0	6	35	22
District Totals	**3,849**	**429**	**16**	**633**	**419**	**79**	**1,996**	**0**	**23**	**192**	**62**
District 4											
Duplin	451	89	2	76	50	1	208	0	2	15	8
Jones	124	10	0	17	9	0	84	0	0	2	2
Onslow	1,918	142	3	110	127	5	1,319	1	6	194	11
Sampson	739	82	8	89	76	1	409	0	2	64	8
District Totals	**3,232**	**323**	**13**	**292**	**262**	**7**	**2,020**	**1**	**10**	**275**	**29**
District 5											
New Hanover	3,675	846	5	731	405	0	1,602	0	11	75	0
Pender	337	58	3	46	35	16	161	0	0	2	16
District Totals	**4,012**	**904**	**8**	**777**	**440**	**16**	**1,763**	**0**	**11**	**77**	**16**
District 6											
Bertie	252	15	1	24	13	1	181	0	2	14	1
Halifax	925	71	0	84	7	100	511	0	6	2	144
Hertford	453	44	1	147	42	4	155	2	4	13	41
Northampton	281	129	3	23	14	5	100	1	0	5	1
District Totals	**1,911**	**259**	**5**	**278**	**76**	**110**	**947**	**3**	**12**	**34**	**187**
District 7											
Edgecombe	1,068	234	1	158	122	5	484	0	1	36	27
Nash	1,070	145	2	173	90	1	626	0	4	18	11
Wilson	1,693	520	8	170	108	6	834	1	9	31	6
District Totals	**3,831**	**899**	**11**	**501**	**320**	**12**	**1,944**	**1**	**14**	**85**	**44**
District 8											
Greene	222	111	0	7	5	8	66	0	3	3	19
Lenoir	2,073	212	5	267	137	2	1,417	4	10	19	0
Wayne	2,512	250	11	365	509	6	1,120	4	8	200	39
District Totals	**4,807**	**573**	**16**	**639**	**651**	**16**	**2,603**	**8**	**21**	**222**	**58**

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other
District 9											
Franklin	369	82	0	34	16	29	188	0	1	4	15
Granville	437	73	2	61	63	15	157	0	24	13	29
Person	455	71	1	80	29	26	228	0	1	11	8
Vance	741	67	0	82	60	7	268	0	9	21	227
Warren	312	46	0	8	29	3	180	0	0	10	36
District Totals	**2,314**	**339**	**3**	**265**	**197**	**80**	**1,021**	**0**	**35**	**59**	**315**
District 10											
Wake	**9,119**	**2,047**	**24**	**1,996**	**1,414**	**16**	**3,312**	**4**	**15**	**235**	**56**
District 11											
Harnett	1,035	145	8	177	202	23	412	0	3	48	17
Johnston	1,611	226	2	97	218	144	807	1	2	105	9
Lee	837	215	2	231	85	158	119	0	2	2	23
District Totals	**3,483**	**586**	**12**	**505**	**505**	**325**	**1,338**	**1**	**7**	**155**	**49**
District 12											
Cumberland	4,405	380	11	560	361	2	2,649	2	139	286	15
Hoke	316	33	1	83	42	11	78	0	1	7	60
District Totals	**4,721**	**413**	**12**	**643**	**403**	**13**	**2,727**	**2**	**140**	**293**	**75**
District 13											
Bladen	590	56	4	192	101	9	204	0	6	14	4
Brunswick	770	97	3	70	26	113	221	0	0	12	228
Columbus	1,163	196	24	115	171	4	568	1	1	82	1
District Totals	**2,523**	**349**	**31**	**377**	**298**	**126**	**993**	**1**	**7**	**108**	**233**
District 14											
Durham	**4,558**	**601**	**6**	**1,314**	**877**	**92**	**1,501**	**7**	**10**	**105**	**45**
District 15A											
Alamance	**1,661**	**132**	**14**	**193**	**210**	**46**	**812**	**1**	**12**	**76**	**165**
District 15B											
Chatham	402	50	2	53	29	5	240	2	1	16	4
Orange	601	142	5	13	85	15	300	1	0	29	11
District Totals	**1,003**	**192**	**7**	**66**	**114**	**20**	**540**	**3**	**1**	**45**	**15**
District 16											
Robeson	2,554	311	5	402	283	90	1,367	1	12	35	48
Scotland	553	68	1	76	54	1	315	0	22	14	2
District Totals	**3,107**	**379**	**6**	**478**	**337**	**91**	**1,682**	**1**	**34**	**49**	**50**
District 17											
Caswell	158	13	0	16	5	6	108	0	1	4	5
Rockingham	1,304	79	9	300	152	0	648	2	1	105	8
Stokes	266	29	0	28	41	3	130	0	0	28	7
Surry	915	85	5	240	124	8	396	0	0	52	5
District Totals	**2,643**	**206**	**14**	**584**	**322**	**17**	**1,282**	**2**	**2**	**189**	**25**
District 18											
Guilford	**8,531**	**1,145**	**48**	**1,580**	**1,425**	**3**	**4,017**	**4**	**6**	**293**	**10**

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other
District 19A											
Cabarrus	1,773	106	10	546	382	4	621	2	3	91	8
Rowan	1,300	114	5	178	203	0	670	0	13	116	1
District Totals	**3,073**	**220**	**15**	**724**	**585**	**4**	**1,291**	**2**	**16**	**207**	**9**
District 19B											
Montgomery	410	171	0	32	84	2	106	0	1	9	5
Randolph	1,173	104	7	112	95	1	789	1	6	46	12
District Totals	**1,583**	**275**	**7**	**144**	**179**	**3**	**895**	**1**	**7**	**55**	**17**
District 20											
Anson	289	29	7	14	20	0	195	0	2	20	2
Moore	769	68	10	98	27	86	375	1	5	17	82
Richmond	589	86	5	112	17	37	277	1	27	8	19
Stanly	725	119	0	212	160	8	204	0	0	21	1
Union	737	82	14	96	97	7	413	0	5	23	0
District Totals	**3,109**	**384**	**36**	**532**	**321**	**138**	**1,464**	**2**	**39**	**89**	**104**
District 21											
Forsyth	**6,154**	**988**	**32**	**1,074**	**1,060**	**16**	**2,674**	**8**	**27**	**249**	**26**
District 22											
Alexander	209	34	2	24	30	0	104	0	0	12	3
Davidson	1,394	128	11	184	170	4	831	1	10	52	3
Davie	313	47	7	30	57	8	138	0	0	15	11
Iredell	1,210	140	5	270	187	22	471	2	12	90	11
District Totals	**3,126**	**349**	**25**	**508**	**444**	**34**	**1,544**	**3**	**22**	**169**	**28**
District 23											
Alleghany	185	29	0	22	21	3	71	1	26	8	4
Ashe	177	28	0	17	23	4	83	0	0	8	14
Wilkes	1,391	193	16	493	246	10	384	0	3	44	2
Yadkin	375	41	5	59	59	6	171	0	3	18	13
District Totals	**2,128**	**291**	**21**	**591**	**349**	**23**	**709**	**1**	**32**	**78**	**33**
District 24											
Avery	171	39	4	33	16	23	47	0	0	3	6
Madison	95	13	3	4	4	1	62	2	0	5	1
Mitchell	153	19	1	24	20	7	49	5	1	13	14
Watauga	445	53	2	104	127	2	138	0	1	13	5
Yancey	149	8	6	9	16	12	74	0	3	14	7
District Totals	**1,013**	**132**	**16**	**174**	**183**	**45**	**370**	**7**	**5**	**48**	**33**
District 25											
Burke	1,229	76	8	165	143	3	749	1	6	68	10
Caldwell	1,005	113	0	208	136	12	503	2	3	27	1
Catawba	1,869	155	12	435	145	118	931	1	4	35	33
District Totals	**4,103**	**344**	**20**	**808**	**424**	**133**	**2,183**	**4**	**13**	**130**	**44**
District 26											
Mecklenburg	**10,526**	**1,462**	**19**	**2,442**	**715**	**953**	**4,637**	**9**	**48**	**81**	**160**
District 27A											
Gaston	**3,476**	**312**	**12**	**302**	**220**	**2**	**2,508**	**2**	**7**	**105**	**6**

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other
District 27B											
Cleveland	1,235	189	8	133	118	12	702	2	2	59	10
Lincoln	646	58	2	158	85	5	310	0	4	23	1
District Totals	**1,881**	**247**	**10**	**291**	**203**	**17**	**1,012**	**2**	**6**	**82**	**11**
District 28											
Buncombe	**3,208**	**668**	**32**	**240**	**321**	**13**	**1,734**	**2**	**7**	**186**	**5**
District 29											
Henderson	652	130	3	48	61	3	371	0	3	32	1
McDowell	413	45	0	57	21	3	239	0	19	26	3
Polk	87	5	1	8	10	1	46	1	1	9	5
Rutherford	657	102	6	102	91	3	324	1	0	28	0
Transylvania	306	38	0	38	42	0	153	0	1	30	4
District Totals	**2,115**	**320**	**10**	**253**	**225**	**10**	**1,133**	**2**	**24**	**125**	**13**
District 30											
Cherokee	237	8	0	0	0	0	137	0	48	7	37
Clay	75	14	0	11	0	10	35	1	0	0	4
Graham	70	2	1	7	4	1	38	0	1	13	3
Haywood	514	81	0	51	30	5	294	0	15	28	10
Jackson	250	39	0	38	0	46	104	0	0	0	23
Macon	168	13	0	23	16	4	90	0	0	9	13
Swain	155	71	2	21	13	7	30	0	0	4	7
District Totals	**1,469**	**228**	**3**	**151**	**63**	**73**	**728**	**1**	**64**	**61**	**97**
State Totals	**115,136**	**16,235**	**515**	**19,756**	**13,873**	**2,630**	**54,976**	**90**	**694**	**4,274**	**2,093**

AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESITC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 1																
Camden	24	129.6	83.0	13	2	8	1	0	42	136.7	77.0	25	6	5	6	0
Chowan	149	260.1	116.0	71	11	41	14	12	260	178.7	55.0	157	43	27	21	12
Currituck	80	217.5	158.5	27	16	22	11	4	168	216.6	115.5	72	29	34	23	10
Dare	164	272.5	173.0	46	38	42	28	10	325	206.4	85.0	168	58	42	32	25
Gates	55	304.7	195.0	21	6	10	13	5	92	155.4	56.0	62	15	6	3	6
Pasquotank	247	206.3	147.0	97	44	62	36	8	590	142.5	52.0	387	77	71	36	19
Perquimans	32	309.7	195.5	13	2	9	4	4	103	134.7	60.0	64	17	14	6	2
District Totals	**751**	**241.8**	**148.0**	**288**	**119**	**194**	**107**	**43**	**1,580**	**169.5**	**66.5**	**935**	**245**	**199**	**127**	**74**
District 2																
Beaufort	302	303.2	167.5	111	44	66	51	30	528	163.7	51.5	363	58	44	38	25
Hyde	26	256.2	161.5	5	13	5	1	2	72	138.3	83.5	37	17	14	2	2
Martin	188	580.9	287.0	61	19	26	27	55	353	183.8	55.0	217	50	44	21	21
Tyrrell	23	307.8	220.0	8	2	6	6	1	33	140.7	52.0	21	6	3	2	1
Washington	89	206.1	104.0	38	22	18	7	4	301	139.8	74.0	168	33	78	21	1
District Totals	**628**	**370.7**	**173.0**	**223**	**100**	**121**	**92**	**92**	**1,287**	**161.6**	**59.0**	**806**	**164**	**183**	**84**	**50**
District 3																
Carteret	533	320.4	210.0	156	93	91	136	57	682	170.4	50.0	460	84	53	33	52
Craven	1,100	255.3	175.0	392	162	257	244	45	1,673	173.9	62.0	1,044	249	168	128	84
Pamlico	75	236.0	155.0	27	16	17	10	5	125	202.7	65.0	72	16	19	13	5
Pitt	1,154	351.8	287.0	312	149	234	317	142	1,369	158.6	59.0	888	211	126	74	70
District Totals	**2,862**	**305.8**	**220.0**	**887**	**420**	**599**	**707**	**249**	**3,849**	**168.8**	**59.0**	**2,464**	**560**	**366**	**248**	**211**
District 4																
Duplin	427	368.3	236.0	130	62	85	95	55	451	178.7	63.0	286	60	46	38	21
Jones	70	396.1	283.5	18	6	19	19	8	124	87.3	43.0	94	11	13	5	1
Onslow	1,174	290.9	192.0	400	174	215	292	93	1,918	205.1	76.0	1,045	306	210	174	183
Sampson	561	298.1	193.0	201	75	88	123	74	739	121.1	55.0	487	109	74	55	14
District Totals	**2,232**	**310.8**	**201.0**	**749**	**317**	**407**	**529**	**230**	**3,232**	**177.7**	**66.0**	**1,912**	**486**	**343**	**272**	**219**
District 5																
New Hanover	1,326	298.4	158.0	465	237	272	207	145	3,675	264.5	72.0	2,037	368	361	431	478
Pender	132	305.0	166.5	41	27	28	21	15	337	254.2	91.0	168	44	52	49	24
District Totals	**1,458**	**299.0**	**158.0**	**506**	**264**	**300**	**228**	**160**	**4,012**	**263.7**	**73.0**	**2,205**	**412**	**413**	**480**	**502**
District 6																
Bertie	96	194.6	102.5	45	16	14	17	4	252	154.4	68.5	148	28	40	34	2
Halifax	216	169.4	105.0	99	53	36	23	5	925	199.9	72.0	515	97	134	148	31
Hertford	317	157.5	60.0	179	45	48	35	10	453	110.0	56.0	320	61	38	31	3
Northampton	74	162.7	73.0	39	10	17	5	3	281	158.7	54.0	183	35	25	19	19
District Totals	**703**	**166.7**	**85.0**	**362**	**124**	**115**	**80**	**22**	**1,911**	**166.5**	**63.0**	**1,166**	**221**	**237**	**232**	**55**

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	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	**Mean Age**	**Median Age**	**0-90**	**91-180**	**181-365**	**366-730**	**> 730**	**Total Disposed**	**Mean Age**	**Median Age**	**0-90**	**91-180**	**181-365**	**366-730**	**> 730**
District 7																
Edgecombe	686	519.7	426.0	142	67	105	199	173	1,068	391.8	84.5	554	129	82	66	237
Nash	718	396.3	204.5	252	92	83	149	142	1.070	103.3	49.0	803	128	66	59	14
Wilson	697	283.8	203.0	233	88	167	149	60	1,693	204.7	69.0	971	216	170	248	88
District Totals	**2,101**	**399.3**	**269.0**	**627**	**247**	**355**	**497**	**375**	**3,831**	**228.5**	**64.0**	**2,328**	**473**	**318**	**373**	**339**
District 8																
Greene	56	411.9	197.5	16	11	11	7	11	222	127.3	31.5	164	21	17	11	9
Lenoir	788	195.4	131.0	331	124	182	136	15	2,073	121.5	42.0	1,485	158	126	281	23
Wayne	1,828	316.6	65.5	447	270	389	636	86	2,512	244.2	82.0	1,313	305	202	543	149
District Totals	**2,672**	**282.8**	**220.0**	**794**	**405**	**582**	**779**	**112**	**4,807**	**185.9**	**56.0**	**2,962**	**484**	**345**	**835**	**181**
District 9																
Franklin	213	340.6	206.0	71	31	52	35	24	369	158.9	52.0	251	34	47	15	22
Granville	153	225.8	133.0	63	23	43	18	6	437	160.3	75.0	247	63	73	39	15
Person	279	344.5	294.0	65	33	60	95	26	455	138.3	49.0	296	44	57	55	3
Vance	320	228.3	152.0	132	35	82	53	18	741	191.3	95.0	359	138	150	72	22
Warren	420	318.5	224.0	100	77	121	85	37	312	274.1	81.0	165	42	48	30	27
District Totals	**1,385**	**296.0**	**210.0**	**431**	**199**	**358**	**286**	**111**	**2,314**	**181.0**	**70.0**	**1,318**	**321**	**375**	**211**	**89**
District 10																
Wake	**4,588**	**288.9**	**168.5**	**1,639**	**715**	**912**	**957**	**365**	**9,119**	**343.6**	**98.0**	**4,384**	**1,123**	**1,026**	**1,099**	**1,487**
District 11																
Harnett	773	391.0	287.0	200	102	154	224	93	1,035	288.4	76.0	563	134	67	83	188
Johnston	1,031	406.0	297.0	287	129	169	264	182	1,611	203.2	53.0	1,043	156	111	151	150
Lee	668	532.0	408.5	130	85	89	164	200	837	232.3	55.0	545	89	43	27	133
District Totals	**2,472**	**435.4**	**320.5**	**617**	**316**	**412**	**652**	**475**	**3,483**	**235.6**	**59.0**	**2,151**	**379**	**221**	**261**	**471**
District 12																
Cumberland	2,541	252.5	169.0	947	360	526	588	120	4,405	132.9	62.0	2,947	685	351	282	140
Hoke	121	177.3	68.0	70	11	20	16	4	316	101.3	55.0	224	44	32	12	4
District Totals	**2,662**	**249.1**	**162.0**	**1,017**	**371**	**546**	**604**	**124**	**4,721**	**130.7**	**62.0**	**3,171**	**729**	**383**	**294**	**144**
District 13																
Bladen	158	134.8	88.5	80	31	35	12	0	590	125.4	89.5	298	180	69	39	4
Brunswick	397	400.2	196.0	132	63	81	53	68	770	166.3	61.5	439	91	147	55	38
Columbus	481	230.0	120.0	190	108	75	78	30	1,163	233.6	109.0	540	163	183	207	70
District Totals	**1,036**	**280.7**	**137.5**	**402**	**202**	**191**	**143**	**98**	**2,523**	**187.8**	**88.0**	**1,277**	**434**	**399**	**301**	**112**
District 14																
Durham	**2,261**	**317.5**	**229.0**	**684**	**347**	**459**	**537**	**234**	**4,558**	**320.7**	**117.0**	**2,111**	**402**	**374**	**946**	**725**

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	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 15A																
Alamance	**508**	**125.7**	**61.0**	**303**	**88**	**75**	**39**	**3**	**1,661**	**82.0**	**49.0**	**1,295**	**189**	**133**	**39**	**5**
District 15B																
Chatham	196	392.4	280.5	47	35	36	50	28	402	144.7	56.5	263	59	28	42	10
Orange	944	385.3	388.0	179	109	161	424	71	601	184.4	69.0	353	89	54	76	29
District Totals	**1,140**	**386.4**	**367.0**	**226**	**144**	**197**	**474**	**99**	**1,003**	**168.5**	**66.0**	**616**	**148**	**82**	**118**	**39**
District 16																
Robeson	1,151	276.6	176.0	406	171	244	225	105	2,554	134.5	56.0	1,670	346	292	191	55
Scotland	221	318.3	124.0	100	36	39	16	30	553	165.6	64.0	352	72	62	38	29
District Totals	**1,372**	**283.3**	**158.0**	**506**	**207**	**283**	**241**	**135**	**3,107**	**140.0**	**58.0**	**2,022**	**418**	**354**	**229**	**84**
District 17																
Caswell	93	247.7	116.0	45	14	7	21	6	158	120.3	54.0	99	23	24	10	2
Rockingham	531	186.7	117.0	223	109	119	69	11	1,304	161.5	56.0	857	140	99	151	57
Stokes	130	280.5	121.0	55	18	22	22	13	266	148.2	72.5	148	46	42	27	3
Surry	482	329.2	209.0	170	58	103	75	76	915	148.0	61.0	570	116	135	67	27
District Totals	**1,236**	**256.8**	**140.0**	**493**	**199**	**251**	**187**	**106**	**2,643**	**153.0**	**58.0**	**1,674**	**325**	**300**	**255**	**89**
District 18																
Guilford	**3,699**	**205.7**	**127.0**	**1,476**	**731**	**840**	**531**	**121**	**8,531**	**219.2**	**77.0**	**4,667**	**1,129**	**745**	**1,643**	**347**
District 19A																
Cabarrus	976	274.5	193.0	324	150	258	165	79	1,773	205.5	142.0	728	306	427	261	51
Rowan	565	235.5	132.0	235	83	107	101	39	1,300	159.6	62.0	780	156	164	183	17
District Totals	**1,541**	**260.2**	**167.0**	**559**	**233**	**365**	**266**	**118**	**3,073**	**186.0**	**96.0**	**1,508**	**462**	**591**	**444**	**68**
District 19B																
Montgomery	158	244.9	167.5	54	27	48	20	9	410	294.4	180.0	116	89	83	83	39
Randolph	328	159.8	79.5	181	78	37	19	13	1,173	100.0	44.0	866	99	139	52	17
District Totals	**486**	**187.4**	**102.5**	**235**	**105**	**85**	**39**	**22**	**1,583**	**150.3**	**96.0**	**982**	**188**	**222**	**135**	**56**
District 20																
Anson	155	322.9	229.0	52	20	26	43	14	289	181.8	51.0	191	28	26	30	14
Moore	421	252.3	147.0	129	103	88	81	20	769	191.9	87.0	392	126	102	128	21
Richmond	756	588.3	389.0	153	79	124	195	205	589	292.7	81.0	310	61	46	105	67
Stanly	365	395.3	259.0	86	67	76	90	46	725	203.7	56.0	464	66	62	77	56
Union	542	290.7	182.0	205	65	115	115	42	737	160.9	54.0	506	64	60	65	42
District Totals	**2,239**	**403.2**	**250.0**	**625**	**334**	**429**	**524**	**327**	**3,109**	**205.4**	**56.0**	**1,863**	**345**	**296**	**405**	**200**

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District 21																
Forsyth	**2,580**	**169.2**	**88.0**	**1,311**	**483**	**406**	**307**	**73**	**6,154**	**138.6**	**61.0**	**3,892**	**767**	**838**	**570**	**87**
District 22																
Alexander	122	234.9	173.0	42	21	31	23	5	209	122.3	53.0	140	35	24	6	4
Davidson	558	191.9	121.5	233	108	116	81	20	1,394	94.8	51.0	975	200	147	68	4
Davie	117	245.5	206.5	38	16	37	19	7	313	140.5	61.0	199	33	42	34	5
Iredell	521	194.1	126.0	214	99	121	76	11	1,210	124.4	55.0	844	149	81	111	25
District Totals	**1,318**	**201.5**	**131.0**	**527**	**244**	**305**	**199**	**43**	**3,126**	**112.7**	**53.0**	**2,158**	**417**	**294**	**219**	**38**
District 23																
Alleghany	57	120.3	84.0	29	18	8	1	1	185	81.0	41.0	136	26	15	8	0
Ashe	84	288.8	180.5	29	13	17	18	7	177	206.6	71.0	102	24	14	24	13
Wilkes	570	172.9	110.5	264	116	103	80	7	1,391	97.8	53.0	973	191	177	45	5
Yadkin	135	223.1	90.0	69	25	21	13	7	375	159.7	64.0	221	46	65	33	10
District Totals	**846**	**188.8**	**109.0**	**391**	**172**	**149**	**112**	**22**	**2,128**	**116.2**	**55.0**	**1,432**	**287**	**271**	**110**	**28**
District 24																
Avery	96	445.1	236.0	35	6	26	6	23	171	135.1	73.0	98	40	24	7	2
Madison	67	319.2	175.0	24	10	16	6	11	95	96.2	63.0	65	21	6	2	1
Mitchell	69	251.8	113.0	33	8	9	14	5	153	127.5	63.0	93	32	12	15	1
Watauga	133	185.7	90.0	67	26	19	17	4	445	164.3	90.0	226	109	60	32	18
Yancey	85	218.4	116.0	38	13	14	14	6	149	90.7	59.0	101	29	14	5	0
District Totals	**450**	**277.3**	**124.0**	**197**	**63**	**84**	**57**	**49**	**1,013**	**136.6**	**74.0**	**583**	**231**	**116**	**61**	**22**
District 25																
Burke	787	418.2	258.0	233	103	144	170	137	1,229	162.3	48.0	852	131	81	86	79
Caldwell	658	442.2	246.5	213	84	102	111	148	1,005	151.7	49.0	706	137	99	26	37
Catawba	1,019	284.4	167.0	383	141	164	254	77	1,869	161.0	58.0	1,172	257	210	154	76
District Totals	**2,464**	**369.2**	**220.0**	**829**	**328**	**410**	**535**	**362**	**4,103**	**159.1**	**53.0**	**2,730**	**525**	**390**	**266**	**192**
District 26																
Mecklenburg	**9,823**	**463.8**	**346.0**	**2,325**	**1,133**	**1,598**	**2,233**	**2,534**	**10,526**	**230.3**	**70.0**	**6,069**	**1,596**	**1,046**	**1,092**	**723**
District 27A																
Gaston	**1,653**	**271.2**	**165.0**	**587**	**269**	**333**	**327**	**137**	**3,476**	**189.3**	**56.0**	**2,098**	**317**	**341**	**535**	**185**
District 27B																
Cleveland	413	152.1	95.0	194	100	73	45	1	1,235	126.7	60.0	751	154	242	82	6
Lincoln	265	107.5	89.0	141	87	24	12	1	646	97.1	49.0	469	82	67	24	4
District Totals	**678**	**134.6**	**91.0**	**335**	**187**	**97**	**57**	**2**	**1,881**	**116.5**	**56.0**	**1,220**	**236**	**309**	**106**	**10**
District 28																
Buncombe	**1,444**	**156.3**	**104.0**	**655**	**335**	**326**	**112**	**16**	**3,208**	**136.9**	**76.0**	**1,762**	**551**	**663**	**199**	**33**

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District 29																
Henderson	494	296.8	228.0	131	90	110	120	43	652	176.2	57.0	405	80	49	83	35
McDowell	215	295.6	223.0	74	27	48	50	16	413	188.9	58.0	276	55	32	26	24
Polk	63	313.2	222.0	15	13	16	10	9	87	122.6	58.0	54	17	8	8	0
Rutherford	233	189.7	102.0	107	37	49	34	6	657	130.4	53.0	411	99	81	53	13
Transylvania	267	362.8	256.0	77	30	67	51	42	306	229.7	71.0	173	39	30	39	25
District Totals	**1,272**	**291.7**	**207.0**	**404**	**197**	**290**	**265**	**116**	**2,115**	**169.9**	**58.0**	**1,319**	**290**	**200**	**209**	**97**
District 30																
Cherokee	101	174.5	139.0	42	21	27	9	2	237	183.7	98.0	112	54	29	35	7
Clay	15	49.4	35.0	13	2	0	0	0	75	124.7	60.0	48	10	10	6	1
Graham	35	116.7	67.0	20	10	3	1	1	70	143.9	100.0	31	23	11	4	1
Haywood	278	224.7	165.5	98	45	81	45	9	514	127.3	60.0	325	78	74	30	7
Jackson	228	242.5	145.0	63	74	39	41	11	250	151.3	105.0	104	94	32	14	6
Macon	155	602.0	451.0	30	17	24	45	39	168	198.6	81.5	88	27	28	17	8
Swain	104	441.1	390.0	12	14	21	44	13	155	144.7	86.0	81	30	29	13	2
District Totals	**916**	**305.0**	**176.0**	**278**	**183**	**195**	**185**	**75**	**1,469**	**151.1**	**78.0**	**789**	**316**	**213**	**119**	**32**
State Totals	**63,476**	**312.7**	**189.0**	**21,488**	**9,781**	**12,269**	**12,888**	**7,050**	**115,136**	**198.0**	**66.0**	**67,869**	**15,170**	**12,586**	**12,517**	**6,994**

CIVIL MAGISTRATE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Filings	Dispositions
District 1		
Camden	119	115
Chowan	1,006	1,072
Currituck	384	407
Dare	442	476
Gates	402	400
Pasquotank	1,003	987
Perquimans	292	316
District Totals	**3,648**	**3,773**
District 2		
Beaufort	1,705	1,665
Hyde	90	85
Martin	1,332	1,395
Tyrrell	158	157
Washington	654	689
District Totals	**3,939**	**3,991**
District 3		
Carteret	1,524	1,513
Craven	2,202	2,194
Pamlico	422	384
Pitt	3,711	3,718
District Totals	**7,859**	**7,809**
District 4		
Duplin	2,350	2,244
Jones	319	324
Onslow	2,467	2,424
Sampson	2,651	2,707
District Totals	**7,787**	**7,699**
District 5		
New Hanover	3,963	3,942
Pender	658	609
District Totals	**4,621**	**4,551**
District 6		
Bertie	1,143	1,118
Halifax	2,436	2,657
Hertford	832	826
Northampton	1,052	1,059
District Totals	**5,463**	**5,660**
District 7		
Edgecombe	5,142	5,182
Nash	3,552	3,542
Wilson	3,014	2,880
District Totals	**11,708**	**11,604**
District 8		
Greene	500	503
Lenoir	3,738	3,693
Wayne	4,349	4,248
District Totals	**8,587**	**8,444**
District 9		
Franklin	1,203	1,216
Granville	1,407	1,369
Person	1,179	1,068
Vance	2,615	2,802
Warren	603	611
District Totals	**7,007**	**7,066**

	Filings	Dispositions
District 10		
Wake	**10,556**	**10,396**
District 11		
Harnett	1,642	1,640
Johnston	3,087	2,925
Lee	1,370	1,334
District Totals	**6,099**	**5,899**
District 12		
Cumberland	9,362	9,343
Hoke	556	517
District Totals	**9,918**	**9,860**
District 13		
Bladen	1,951	1,951
Brunswick	1,040	894
Columbus	2,705	2,550
District Totals	**5,696**	**5,395**
District 14		
Durham	**11,816**	**12,247**
District 15A		
Alamance	**2,874**	**2,726**
District 15B		
Chatham	1,296	1,308
Orange	1,561	1,441
District Totals	**2,857**	**2,749**
District 16		
Robeson	5,778	5,815
Scotland	1,471	1,490
District Totals	**7,249**	**7,305**
District 17		
Caswell	525	522
Rockingham	2,947	2,867
Stokes	714	624
Surry	2,569	2,520
District Totals	**6,755**	**6,533**
District 18		
Guilford	10,956	10,403
High Point	4,800	4,870
District Totals	**15,756**	**15,273**
District 19A		
Cabarrus	2,037	2,081
Rowan	3,131	3,044
District Totals	**5,168**	**5,125**
District 19B		
Montgomery	1,205	1,292
Randolph	1,930	1,861
District Totals	**3,135**	**3,153**
District 20		
Anson	936	1,004
Moore	1,726	1,760
Richmond	2,144	2,127
Stanly	1,691	1,725
Union	2,120	2,178
District Totals	**8,617**	**8,794**

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	Filings	**Dispositions**
District 21		
Forsyth	**8,872**	**8,842**
District 22		
Alexander	532	654
Davidson	2,184	2,106
Davie	917	905
Iredell	2,857	2,856
District Totals	**6,490**	**6,521**
District 23		
Alleghany	410	414
Ashe	375	396
Wilkes	2,337	2,239
Yadkin	1,187	1,236
District Totals	**4,309**	**4,285**
District 24		
Avery	201	202
Madison	167	177
Mitchell	194	193
Watauga	493	539
Yancey	198	190
District Totals	**1,253**	**1,301**
District 25		
Burke	1,833	1,862
Caldwell	2,201	2,127
Catawba	2,944	3,009
District Totals	**6,978**	**6,998**
District 26		
Mecklenburg	**21,982**	**21,321**

	Filings	**Dispositions**
District 27A		
Gaston	**4,516**	**4,372**
District 27B		
Cleveland	3,384	3,385
Lincoln	853	879
District Totals	**4,237**	**4,264**
District 28		
Buncombe	**4,440**	**4,031**
District 29		
Henderson	768	739
McDowell	779	741
Polk	183	176
Rutherford	1,219	1,259
Transylvania	920	788
District Totals	**3,869**	**3,703**
District 30		
Cherokee	348	318
Clay	74	86
Graham	97	100
Haywood	1,125	1,137
Jackson	438	348
Macon	400	413
Swain	61	81
District Totals	**2,543**	**2,483**
	Total Filed	**Total Disposed**
State Totals	**226,604**	**224,173**

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS			Children
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected		Before
		Other	Misde-								Grand	Court For
	Capital	Felony	meanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total			Total	First Time
District 1												
Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Chowan	0	2	29	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	24
Currituck	0	16	25	41	1	2	2	4	0	10	56	32
Dare	0	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	1	3	14	12
Gates	0	0	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	6
Pasquotank	0	30	72	102	5	0	2	2	0	18	127	72
Perquimans	0	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	6
District Totals	**0**	**59**	**142**	**201**	**8**	**2**	**4**	**6**	**1**	**33**	**249**	**153**
District 2												
Beaufort	0	8	40	48	1	0	2	2	17	37	105	57
Hyde	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	9
Martin	0	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	12	23	48	31
Tyrrell	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Washington	0	2	19	21	0	0	1	1	0	8	30	26
District Totals	**0**	**17**	**71**	**88**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**29**	**73**	**194**	**125**
District 3												
Carteret	0	39	26	65	6	0	2	2	6	2	81	49
Craven	1	56	82	139	20	6	7	13	19	10	201	73
Pamlico	0	0	7	7	0	0	1	1	3	0	11	9
Pitt	0	61	83	144	20	2	9	11	16	15	206	56
District Totals	**1**	**156**	**198**	**355**	**46**	**8**	**19**	**27**	**44**	**27**	**499**	**187**
District 4												
Duplin	0	21	56	77	0	0	5	5	5	9	96	62
Jones	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	10	7
Onslow	0	93	71	164	3	0	3	3	37	57	264	140
Sampson	1	10	23	34	1	0	2	2	44	34	115	47
District Totals	**1**	**124**	**156**	**281**	**4**	**0**	**10**	**10**	**88**	**102**	**485**	**256**
District 5												
New Hanover	0	229	222	451	47	22	34	56	21	25	600	228
Pender	0	13	13	26	0	1	4	5	0	14	45	22
District Totals	**0**	**242**	**235**	**477**	**47**	**23**	**38**	**61**	**21**	**39**	**645**	**250**
District 6												
Bertie	0	1	18	19	0	1	0	1	3	5	28	28
Halifax	2	31	18	51	0	2	7	9	16	12	88	77
Hertford	0	10	25	35	7	0	2	2	7	10	61	42
Northampton	0	8	28	36	5	0	6	6	2	7	56	24
District Totals	**2**	**50**	**89**	**141**	**12**	**3**	**15**	**18**	**28**	**34**	**233**	**171**
District 7												
Edgecombe	0	43	95	138	11	0	18	18	9	22	198	90
Nash	0	86	114	200	16	0	15	15	32	21	284	134
Wilson	0	37	113	150	17	1	10	11	101	18	297	64
District Totals	**0**	**166**	**322**	**488**	**44**	**1**	**43**	**44**	**142**	**61**	**779**	**288**
District 8												
Greene	0	12	19	31	2	0	0	0	0	6	39	21
Lenoir	0	72	96	168	20	3	8	11	8	42	249	95
Wayne	0	86	66	152	28	4	19	23	41	63	307	119
District Totals	**0**	**170**	**181**	**351**	**50**	**7**	**27**	**34**	**49**	**111**	**595**	**235**

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS			
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
District 9												
Franklin	0	6	14	20	9	1	4	5	22	2	58	18
Granville	0	84	23	107	3	0	3	3	1	6	120	35
Person	1	27	25	53	4	0	2	2	0	4	63	25
Vance	0	6	30	36	0	0	7	7	27	5	75	75
Warren	0	3	2	5	0	0	1	1	0	8	14	12
District Totals	**1**	**126**	**94**	**221**	**16**	**1**	**17**	**18**	**50**	**25**	**330**	**165**
District 10												
Wake	**0**	**88**	**179**	**267**	**46**	**0**	**25**	**25**	**92**	**103**	**533**	**256**
District 11												
Harnett	2	33	67	102	10	11	15	26	20	68	227	109
Johnston	0	43	74	117	12	0	11	11	14	40	194	97
Lee	0	25	78	103	17	0	8	8	10	10	148	52
District Totals	**2**	**101**	**219**	**322**	**39**	**11**	**34**	**45**	**44**	**118**	**569**	**258**
District 12												
Cumberland	0	239	451	690	34	13	243	256	143	137	1,260	547
Hoke	0	19	31	50	3	4	24	28	12	6	99	61
District Totals	**0**	**258**	**482**	**740**	**37**	**17**	**267**	**284**	**155**	**143**	**1,359**	**608**
District 13												
Bladen	0	9	22	31	0	1	6	7	0	1	39	30
Brunswick	1	14	15	30	21	5	11	16	4	22	93	63
Columbus	0	29	28	57	10	5	13	18	9	61	155	96
District Totals	**1**	**52**	**65**	**118**	**31**	**11**	**30**	**41**	**13**	**84**	**287**	**189**
District 14												
Durham	**1**	**239**	**203**	**443**	**112**	**1**	**19**	**20**	**96**	**226**	**897**	**222**
District 15A												
Alamance	**0**	**27**	**36**	**63**	**0**	**12**	**26**	**38**	**30**	**35**	**166**	**146**
District 15B												
Chatham	0	0	32	32	0	3	1	4	1	10	47	31
Orange	0	36	62	63	10	11	3	14	21	29	173	118
District Totals	**0**	**36**	**94**	**95**	**10**	**14**	**4**	**18**	**22**	**39**	**220**	**149**
District 16												
Robeson	1	190	146	337	0	8	22	30	78	67	512	235
Scotland	0	63	91	154	24	3	8	11	16	61	266	103
District Totals	**1**	**253**	**237**	**491**	**24**	**11**	**30**	**41**	**94**	**128**	**778**	**338**
District 17												
Caswell	0	6	5	11	0	3	2	5	4	8	28	25
Rockingham	0	102	75	177	8	1	11	12	7	24	228	82
Stokes	0	16	45	61	1	7	4	11	3	2	78	26
Surry	0	57	66	123	0	12	14	26	4	19	172	53
District Totals	**0**	**181**	**191**	**372**	**9**	**23**	**31**	**54**	**18**	**53**	**506**	**186**
District 18												
Guilford	**0**	**291**	**427**	**718**	**63**	**67**	**64**	**131**	**120**	**115**	**1,147**	**528**
District 19A												
Cabarrus	0	21	68	89	14	0	13	13	15	23	154	76
Rowan	2	188	153	343	62	95	46	141	189	125	860	166
District Totals	**2**	**209**	**221**	**432**	**76**	**95**	**59**	**154**	**204**	**148**	**1,014**	**242**

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS			
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
District 19B												
Montgomery	0	0	39	39	3	2	3	5	1	2	50	26
Randolph	0	91	57	148	10	3	31	34	21	15	228	135
District Totals	**0**	**91**	**96**	**187**	**13**	**5**	**34**	**39**	**22**	**17**	**278**	**161**
District 20												
Anson	0	32	29	61	3	0	0	0	1	12	77	19
Moore	0	79	59	138	11	9	14	23	67	96	335	88
Richmond	1	21	35	57	2	1	0	1	8	13	81	62
Stanly	0	58	169	227	18	2	6	8	14	25	292	44
Union	0	77	115	192	14	0	6	6	15	33	260	97
District Totals	**1**	**267**	**407**	**675**	**48**	**12**	**26**	**38**	**105**	**179**	**1,045**	**310**
District 21												
Forsyth	**0**	**91**	**274**	**365**	**60**	**11**	**114**	**125**	**40**	**102**	**692**	**393**
District 22												
Alexander	0	22	19	41	1	0	7	7	4	11	64	40
Davidson	0	75	107	182	17	0	64	64	225	221	739	146
Davie	1	27	24	52	3	3	7	10	3	10	78	31
Iredell	0	22	125	147	3	10	25	35	22	38	245	116
District Totals	**1**	**146**	**275**	**422**	**24**	**13**	**103**	**116**	**284**	**280**	**1,126**	**333**
District 23												
Alleghany	0	2	6	8	0	0	1	1	4	6	19	15
Ashe	0	3	12	15	3	1	7	8	4	18	48	46
Wilkes	0	22	58	80	41	17	18	35	35	69	260	94
Yadkin	0	9	26	35	21	5	16	21	9	67	153	38
District Totals	**0**	**36**	**102**	**138**	**65**	**23**	**42**	**65**	**52**	**160**	**480**	**193**
District 24												
Avery	0	0	11	11	0	2	19	21	0	12	44	26
Madison	0	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	1	19	28	28
Mitchell	0	8	5	13	0	0	7	7	1	0	21	11
Watauga	0	6	13	19	0	0	11	11	6	3	39	38
Yancey	0	1	4	5	0	1	1	2	2	7	16	15
District Totals	**0**	**16**	**40**	**56**	**0**	**3**	**38**	**41**	**10**	**41**	**148**	**118**
District 25												
Burke	0	85	60	145	26	29	53	82	39	49	341	146
Caldwell	0	31	70	101	9	16	28	44	7	12	173	92
Catawba	4	137	53	194	12	12	19	31	29	16	282	133
District Totals	**4**	**253**	**183**	**440**	**47**	**57**	**100**	**157**	**75**	**77**	**796**	**371**
District 26												
Mecklenburg	**0**	**518**	**551**	**1,069**	**88**	**3**	**94**	**97**	**38**	**151**	**1,443**	**648**
District 27A												
Gaston	**2**	**212**	**455**	**669**	**13**	**8**	**61**	**69**	**87**	**24**	**862**	**354**
District 27B												
Cleveland	0	57	95	152	11	2	11	13	11	24	211	104
Lincoln	0	15	42	57	4	0	5	5	10	6	82	38
District Totals	**0**	**72**	**137**	**209**	**15**	**2**	**16**	**18**	**21**	**30**	**293**	**142**
District 28												
Buncombe	**4**	**152**	**157**	**313**	**1**	**27**	**211**	**238**	**106**	**97**	**755**	**241**

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS			
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
District 29												
Henderson	0	30	62	92	36	22	31	53	10	23	214	99
McDowell	0	16	24	40	7	20	17	37	10	11	105	67
Polk	0	3	0	3	0	0	6	6	1	0	10	8
Rutherford	0	19	61	80	24	6	7	13	57	13	187	58
Transylvania	0	16	10	26	1	5	2	7	11	8	53	30
District Totals	**0**	**84**	**157**	**241**	**68**	**53**	**63**	**116**	**89**	**55**	**569**	**262**
District 30												
Cherokee	0	8	15	23	0	0	3	3	2	0	28	28
Clay	0	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Graham	0	0	3	3	0	2	4	6	0	3	12	7
Haywood	0	4	10	14	0	8	18	26	5	12	57	57
Jackson	0	5	8	13	0	1	6	7	2	7	29	29
Macon	0	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	8
Swain	0	0	8	8	0	2	2	4	2	4	18	18
District Totals	**0**	**20**	**55**	**75**	**0**	**13**	**33**	**46**	**11**	**27**	**159**	**154**
State Totals	**24**	**4,803**	**6,732**	**11,559**	**1,118**	**537**	**1,700**	**2,237**	**2,280**	**2,937**	**20,131**	**8,632**

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 1													
Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Chowan	20	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Currituck	22	9	31	0	4	4	0	0	0	5	3	8	43
Dare	7	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	3	11
Gates	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Pasquotank	103	23	126	0	2	2	2	0	2	9	10	19	149
Perquimans	11	11	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	23
District Totals	**168**	**48**	**216**	**0**	**6**	**6**	**3**	**0**	**3**	**19**	**13**	**32**	**257**
District 2													
Beaufort	39	39	78	1	1	2	8	10	18	27	8	35	133
Hyde	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	7
Martin	7	16	23	0	2	2	9	5	14	16	10	26	65
Tyrrell	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Washington	12	2	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	1	9	24
District Totals	**61**	**58**	**119**	**2**	**3**	**5**	**17**	**15**	**32**	**55**	**20**	**75**	**231**
District 3													
Carteret	36	20	56	2	0	2	10	5	15	3	1	4	77
Craven	145	110	255	4	19	23	24	7	31	46	15	61	370
Pamlico	15	7	22	1	0	1	0	4	4	0	1	1	28
Pitt	168	18	186	11	7	18	6	1	7	28	0	28	239
District Totals	**364**	**155**	**519**	**18**	**26**	**44**	**40**	**17**	**57**	**77**	**17**	**94**	**714**
District 4													
Duplin	38	3	41	0	7	7	1	1	2	1	0	1	51
Jones	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	3	12
Onslow	141	22	163	1	1	2	50	3	53	95	5	100	318
Sampson	33	16	49	1	0	1	53	14	67	55	14	69	186
District Totals	**213**	**47**	**260**	**2**	**8**	**10**	**104**	**20**	**124**	**152**	**21**	**173**	**567**
District 5													
New Hanover	472	26	498	53	3	56	20	1	21	22	3	25	600
Pender	20	0	20	5	0	5	0	0	0	11	3	14	39
District Totals	**492**	**26**	**518**	**58**	**3**	**61**	**20**	**1**	**21**	**33**	**6**	**39**	**639**
District 6													
Bertie	10	8	18	1	0	1	0	3	3	5	1	6	28
Halifax	32	37	69	0	8	8	15	17	32	12	2	14	123
Hertford	19	37	56	1	1	2	0	8	8	5	10	15	81
Northampton	13	10	23	1	3	4	0	2	2	7	8	15	44
District Totals	**74**	**92**	**166**	**3**	**12**	**15**	**15**	**30**	**45**	**29**	**21**	**50**	**276**
District 7													
Edgecombe	101	37	138	8	8	16	4	2	6	18	1	19	179
Nash	180	39	219	7	7	14	24	5	29	20	0	20	282
Wilson	154	29	183	4	5	9	169	3	172	11	0	11	375
District Totals	**435**	**105**	**540**	**19**	**20**	**39**	**197**	**10**	**207**	**49**	**1**	**50**	**836**
District 8													
Greene	9	13	22	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	2	9	32
Lenoir	129	81	210	12	4	16	6	1	7	46	10	56	289
Wayne	238	19	257	25	2	27	53	1	54	178	10	188	526
District Totals	**376**	**113**	**489**	**37**	**7**	**44**	**59**	**2**	**61**	**231**	**22**	**253**	**847**

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 9													
Franklin	18	6	24	3	2	5	14	0	14	1	0	1	44
Granville	32	4	36	0	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	41
Person	40	4	44	2	1	3	0	0	0	4	1	5	52
Vance	24	12	36	5	2	7	21	6	27	4	0	4	74
Warren	5	0	5	0	0	0	2	1	3	4	3	7	15
District Totals	**119**	**26**	**145**	**10**	**8**	**18**	**38**	**7**	**45**	**14**	**4**	**18**	**226**
District 10													
Wake	**328**	**34**	**362**	**25**	**4**	**29**	**88**	**6**	**94**	**111**	**10**	**121**	**606**
District 11													
Harnett	137	36	173	34	14	48	26	7	33	213	27	240	494
Johnston	70	147	217	8	18	26	3	67	70	14	96	110	423
Lee	77	18	95	5	1	6	8	1	9	11	2	13	123
District Totals	**284**	**201**	**485**	**47**	**33**	**80**	**37**	**75**	**112**	**238**	**125**	**363**	**1,040**
District 12													
Cumberland	468	273	741	157	102	259	112	24	136	104	45	149	1,285
Hoke	20	12	32	1	12	13	12	0	12	3	2	5	62
District Totals	**488**	**285**	**773**	**158**	**114**	**272**	**124**	**24**	**148**	**107**	**47**	**154**	**1,347**
District 13													
Bladen	25	23	48	3	9	12	0	8	8	0	2	2	70
Brunswick	27	9	36	8	6	14	5	1	6	19	8	27	83
Columbus	64	5	69	7	4	11	4	1	5	16	18	34	119
District Totals	**116**	**37**	**153**	**18**	**19**	**37**	**9**	**10**	**19**	**35**	**28**	**63**	**272**
District 14													
Durham	**466**	**173**	**639**	**6**	**14**	**20**	**59**	**44**	**103**	**191**	**29**	**220**	**982**
District 15A													
Alamance	**55**	**11**	**66**	**27**	**9**	**36**	**28**	**3**	**31**	**23**	**10**	**33**	**166**
District 15B													
Chaham	29	25	54	6	5	11	1	0	1	9	1	10	76
Orange	136	26	162	13	0	13	38	4	42	100	8	108	325
District Totals	**165**	**51**	**216**	**19**	**5**	**24**	**39**	**4**	**43**	**109**	**9**	**118**	**401**
District 16													
Robeson	311	27	338	12	1	13	64	2	66	56	3	59	476
Scotland	173	24	197	6	4	10	31	0	31	65	2	67	305
District Totals	**484**	**51**	**535**	**18**	**5**	**23**	**95**	**2**	**97**	**121**	**5**	**126**	**781**
District 17													
Caswell	7	12	19	2	3	5	0	6	6	1	5	6	36
Rockingham	123	16	139	7	3	10	10	0	10	18	7	25	184
Stokes	35	11	46	8	2	10	5	0	5	6	0	6	67
Surry	132	15	147	12	6	18	3	2	5	12	6	18	188
District Totals	**297**	**54**	**351**	**29**	**14**	**43**	**18**	**8**	**26**	**37**	**18**	**55**	**475**
District 18													
Guilford	**500**	**196**	**696**	**106**	**49**	**155**	**109**	**26**	**135**	**69**	**28**	**97**	**1,083**
District 19A													
Cabarrus	108	7	115	5	4	9	13	0	13	23	3	26	163
Rowan	249	35	284	118	24	142	181	33	214	170	15	185	825
District Totals	**357**	**42**	**399**	**123**	**28**	**151**	**194**	**33**	**227**	**193**	**18**	**211**	**988**

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 19B													
Montgomery	74	17	91	3	2	5	8	4	12	18	1	19	127
Randolph	552	116	668	55	30	85	42	11	53	63	34	97	903
District Totals	**626**	**133**	**759**	**58**	**32**	**90**	**50**	**15**	**65**	**81**	**35**	**116**	**1,030**
District 20													
Anson	48	10	58	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	0	9	68
Moore	109	40	149	11	12	23	54	13	67	90	6	96	335
Richmond	62	43	105	0	0	0	21	6	27	11	10	21	153
Stanly	222	7	229	4	5	9	11	0	11	22	2	24	273
Union	157	47	204	0	7	7	12	4	16	15	9	24	251
District Totals	**598**	**147**	**745**	**15**	**24**	**39**	**99**	**23**	**122**	**147**	**27**	**174**	**1,080**
District 21													
Forsyth	**271**	**59**	**330**	**19**	**25**	**44**	**37**	**3**	**40**	**86**	**7**	**93**	**507**
District 22													
Alexander	32	7	39	5	3	8	2	0	2	5	4	9	58
Davidson	162	74	236	28	21	49	193	33	226	195	42	237	748
Davie	33	10	43	7	7	14	2	1	3	22	7	29	89
Iredell	96	8	104	26	8	34	15	0	15	44	4	48	201
District Totals	**323**	**99**	**422**	**66**	**39**	**105**	**212**	**34**	**246**	**266**	**57**	**323**	**1,096**
District 23													
Alleghany	5	0	5	4	0	4	4	0	4	6	0	6	19
Ashe	15	10	25	4	4	8	4	0	4	20	1	21	58
Wilkes	107	12	119	23	11	34	27	0	27	75	9	84	264
Yadkin	44	4	48	17	4	21	8	1	9	64	3	67	145
District Totals	**171**	**26**	**197**	**48**	**19**	**67**	**43**	**1**	**44**	**165**	**13**	**178**	**486**
District 24													
Avery	24	10	34	7	14	21	6	0	6	43	6	49	110
Madison	20	3	23	3	4	7	3	2	5	53	7	60	95
Mitchell	4	8	12	2	3	5	5	3	8	3	3	6	31
Watauga	14	5	19	5	6	11	4	2	6	2	1	3	39
Yancey	29	5	34	18	4	22	32	1	33	38	4	42	131
District Totals	**91**	**31**	**122**	**35**	**31**	**66**	**50**	**8**	**58**	**139**	**21**	**160**	**406**
District 25													
Burke	145	37	182	71	23	94	79	7	86	324	11	335	697
Caldwell	179	74	253	96	45	141	40	7	47	73	8	81	522
Catawba	209	27	236	23	6	29	30	5	35	26	3	29	329
District Totals	**533**	**138**	**671**	**190**	**74**	**264**	**149**	**19**	**168**	**423**	**22**	**445**	**1,548**
District 26													
Mecklenburg	**748**	**360**	**1,108**	**14**	**51**	**65**	**15**	**7**	**22**	**177**	**8**	**185**	**1,380**
District 27A													
Gaston	**301**	**130**	**431**	**27**	**7**	**34**	**78**	**9**	**87**	**23**	**1**	**24**	**576**
District 27B													
Cleveland	118	43	161	4	4	8	9	0	9	14	3	17	195
Lincoln	42	25	67	4	1	5	10	0	10	6	0	6	88
District Totals	**160**	**68**	**228**	**8**	**5**	**13**	**19**	**0**	**19**	**20**	**3**	**23**	**283**
District 28													
Buncombe	**108**	**119**	**227**	**52**	**93**	**145**	**8**	**13**	**21**	**7**	**6**	**13**	**406**

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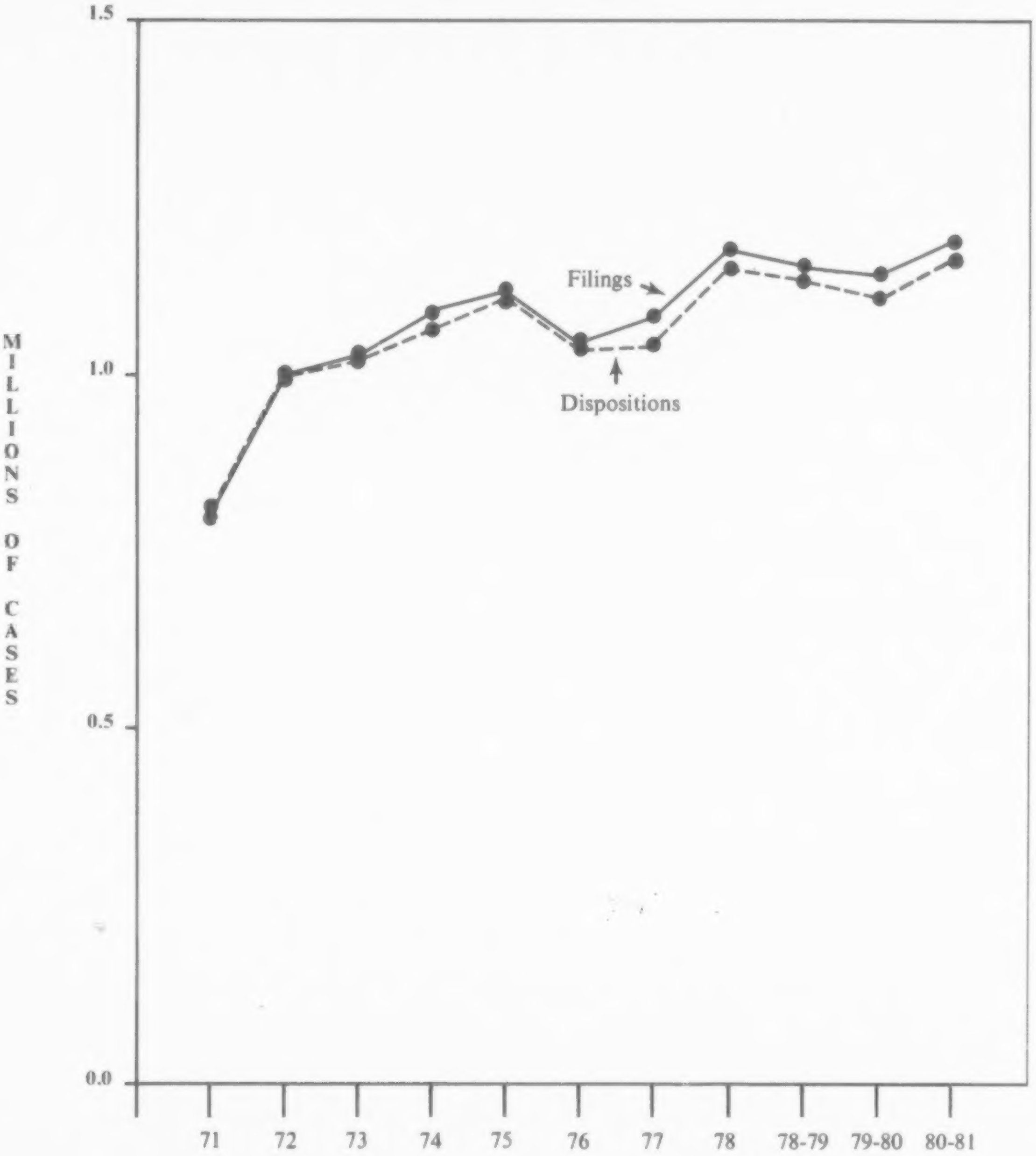
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 29													
Henderson	65	104	169	37	42	79	7	13	20	16	45	61	329
McDowell	37	2	39	29	4	33	6	0	6	6	0	6	84
Polk	3	0	3	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
Rutherford	45	4	49	29	0	29	57	1	58	22	2	24	160
Transylvania	18	2	20	4	2	6	8	7	15	0	6	6	47
District Totals	**168**	**112**	**280**	**101**	**50**	**151**	**79**	**21**	**100**	**44**	**53**	**97**	**628**
District 30													
Cherokee	23	0	23	2	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	28
Clay	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Graham	0	3	3	1	3	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	10
Haywood	5	10	15	2	9	11	0	0	0	1	2	3	29
Jackson	0	1	1	0	7	7	0	1	1	0	1	1	10
Macon	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9
Swain	7	1	8	2	2	4	2	0	2	2	2	4	18
District Totals	**42**	**23**	**65**	**7**	**22**	**29**	**4**	**1**	**5**	**6**	**6**	**12**	**111**
State Totals	**9,982**	**3,250**	**13,232**	**1,365**	**859**	**2,224**	**2,136**	**491**	**2,627**	**3,477**	**711**	**4,188**	**22,271**

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

Filing And Disposition Trends Of Criminal Cases In The District Courts, 1971-1981



There is an overall upward trend in criminal district court cases during the past decade. Traffic cases dominate criminal filings and dispositions in the district courts; during the 1980-81 year, 65.7% of the criminal district court filings and 66.4% of the dispositions were traffic cases.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 1				
Camden	945	688	233	921
Chowan	1,170	771	403	1,174
Currituck	2,636	1,815	798	2,613
Dare	3,586	2,144	1,296	3,440
Gates	1,292	830	408	1,238
Pasquotank	2,727	1,695	1,073	2,768
Perquimans	1,240	920	385	1,305
District Totals	**13,596**	**8,863**	**4,596**	**13,459**
District 2				
Beaufort	5,773	3,506	2,376	5,882
Hyde	534	253	268	521
Martin	3,262	1,878	1,368	3,246
Tyrrell	568	358	197	555
Washington	1,324	876	479	1,355
District Totals	**11,461**	**6,871**	**4,688**	**11,559**
District 3				
Carteret	6,441	3,741	2,716	6,457
Craven	11,741	7,012	5,096	12,108
Pamlico	815	462	530	992
Pitt	8,447	4,799	3,760	8,559
District Totals	**27,444**	**16,014**	**12,102**	**28,116**
District 4				
Duplin	5,607	2,798	2,757	5,555
Jones	1,908	1,231	552	1,783
Onslow	16,086	8,101	8,371	16,472
Sampson	10,989	7,004	4,156	11,160
District Totals	**34,590**	**19,134**	**15,836**	**34,970**
District 5				
New Hanover	15,212	7,546	7,598	15,144
Pender	3,607	1,848	1,635	3,483
District Totals	**18,819**	**9,394**	**9,233**	**18,627**
District 6				
Bertie	2,256	1,509	672	2,181
Halifax	12,082	5,731	6,323	12,054
Hertford	3,793	2,522	1,271	3,793
Northampton	5,265	2,894	2,470	5,364
District Totals	**23,396**	**12,656**	**10,736**	**23,392**
District 7				
Edgecombe	5,080	3,475	1,592	5,067
Nash	10,250	7,065	3,244	10,309
Wilson	7,114	4,986	2,142	7,128
District Totals	**22,444**	**15,526**	**6,978**	**22,504**
District 8				
Greene	2,178	1,355	847	2,202
Lenoir	7,310	4,018	3,457	7,475
Wayne	10,163	5,931	4,507	10,438
District Totals	**19,651**	**11,304**	**8,811**	**20,115**
District 9				
Franklin	3,569	1,734	1,843	3,577
Granville	6,005	3,483	2,451	5,934
Person	2,723	1,291	1,475	2,766
Vance	5,183	2,965	2,207	5,172
Warren	3,159	1,991	1,219	3,210
District Totals	**20,639**	**11,464**	**9,195**	**20,659**

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 10				
Wake	**45,390**	**24,380**	**19,505**	**43,885**
District 11				
Harnett	8,003	4,685	3,433	8,118
Johnston	9,926	5,482	5,083	10,565
Lee	3,772	2,292	1,290	3,582
District Totals	**21,701**	**12,459**	**9,806**	**22,265**
District 12				
Cumberland	39,586	22,649	16,720	39,369
Hoke	2,420	1,551	927	2,478
District Totals	**42,006**	**24,200**	**17,647**	**41,847**
District 13				
Bladen	7,405	4,000	3,123	7,123
Brunswick	4,474	2,462	1,979	4,441
Columbus	8,703	4,236	4,310	8,546
District Totals	**20,582**	**10,698**	**9,412**	**20,110**
District 14				
Durham	**17,695**	**9,813**	**8,231**	**18,044**
District 15A				
Alamance	**13,922**	**8,838**	**5,112**	**13,950**
District 15B				
Chatham	3,398	2,024	1,382	3,406
Orange	9,621	4,485	4,793	9,278
District Totals	**13,019**	**6,509**	**6,175**	**12,684**
District 16				
Robeson	16,404	8,052	8,235	16,287
Scotland	4,163	2,555	1,432	3,987
District Totals	**20,567**	**10,607**	**9,667**	**20,274**
District 17				
Caswell	2,092	1,352	654	2,006
Rockingham	9,434	5,983	3,709	9,692
Stokes	3,976	2,451	1,318	3,769
Surry	7,891	4,656	2,933	7,589
District Totals	**23,393**	**14,442**	**8,614**	**23,056**
District 18				
Guilford	34,374	20,178	11,920	32,098
High Point	9,633	5,197	4,209	9,406
District Totals	**44,007**	**25,375**	**16,129**	**41,504**
District 19A				
Cabarrus	13,989	9,237	4,911	14,148
Rowan	12,956	8,402	4,220	12,622
District Totals	**26,945**	**17,639**	**9,131**	**26,770**
District 19B				
Montgomery	4,875	3,235	1,348	4,583
Randolph	9,216	5,946	3,339	9,285
District Totals	**14,091**	**9,181**	**4,687**	**13,868**

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 20				
Anson	4,123	2,553	1,511	4,064
Moore	6,184	3,176	3,240	6,416
Richmond	3,101	1,837	1,432	3,269
Stanly	5,470	2,956	2,428	5,384
Union	5,858	3,580	2,301	5,881
District Totals	**24,736**	**14,102**	**10,912**	**25,014**
District 21				
Forsyth	**34,343**	**21,965**	**13,128**	**35,093**
District 22				
Alexander	1,463	685	831	1,516
Davidson	12,689	7,626	4,555	12,181
Davie	3,763	2,683	1,265	3,948
Iredell	11,758	8,213	3,748	11,961
District Totals	**29,673**	**19,207**	**10,399**	**29,606**
District 23				
Alleghany	729	395	306	701
Ashe	1,824	1,069	706	1,775
Wilkes	6,842	4,200	2,583	6,783
Yadkin	4,129	2,541	1,541	4,082
District Totals	**13,524**	**8,205**	**5,136**	**13,341**
District 24				
Avery	1,778	966	821	1,787
Madison	1,677	1,010	595	1,605
Mitchell	917	555	428	983
Watauga	3,511	1,801	1,487	3,288
Yancey	992	511	474	985
District Totals	**8,875**	**4,843**	**3,805**	**8,648**
District 25				
Burke	9,996	6,362	3,822	10,184
Caldwell	6,719	3,688	3,082	6,770
Catawba	13,279	7,558	6,022	13,580
District Totals	**29,994**	**17,608**	**12,926**	**30,534**
District 26				
Mecklenburg	**53,538**	**30,384**	**21,783**	**52.167**
District 27A				
Gaston	**16,869**	**9,115**	**7,316**	**16,431**
District 27B				
Cleveland	8,669	5,047	3,605	8,652
Lincoln	4,687	2,689	2,103	4,792
District Totals	**13,356**	**7,736**	**5,708**	**13,444**
District 28				
Buncombe	**16,959**	**10,700**	**5,898**	**16,598**
District 29				
Henderson	7,201	4,584	2,815	7,399
McDowell	6,031	4,152	1,800	5,952
Polk	1,874	1,155	748	1,903
Rutherford	3,293	2,069	1,167	3,236
Transylvania	2,180	1,380	764	2,144
District Totals	**20,579**	**13,340**	**7,294**	**20,634**

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 30				
Cherokee	2,211	1,396	945	2,341
Clay	501	335	234	569
Graham	582	288	271	559
Haywood	5,764	3,320	2,532	5,852
Jackson	2,775	1,549	1,343	2,892
Macon	3,236	1,803	1,314	3,117
Swain	570	526	218	744
District Totals	**15,639**	**9,217**	**6,857**	**16,074**
State Totals	**773,443**	**451,789**	**317,453**	**769,242**

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Dispositions	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 1						
Camden	15	108	123	115	93.4	8
Chowan	84	963	1,047	971	92.7	76
Currituck	51	475	526	478	90.8	48
Dare	113	1,253	1,366	1,183	86.6	183
Gates	6	263	269	241	89.5	28
Pasquotank	119	1,852	1,971	1,848	93.7	123
Perquimans	21	354	375	331	88.2	44
District Totals	**409**	**5,268**	**5,677**	**5,167**	**91.0**	**510**
District 2						
Beaufort	154	2,576	2,730	2,537	92.9	193
Hyde	11	303	314	303	96.4	11
Martin	73	1,877	1,950	1,816	93.1	134
Tyrrell	7	186	193	163	84.4	30
Washington	25	612	637	620	97.3	17
District Totals	**270**	**5,554**	**5,824**	**5,439**	**93.3**	**385**
District 3						
Carteret	585	5,089	5,674	4,709	82.9	965
Craven	578	4,808	5,386	4,818	89.4	568
Pamlico	25	530	555	511	92.0	44
Pitt	785	8,083	8,868	8,107	91.4	761
District Totals	**1,973**	**18,510**	**20,483**	**18,145**	**88.5**	**2,338**
District 4						
Duplin	227	2,351	2,578	2,276	88.2	302
Jones	39	382	421	394	93.5	27
Onslow	828	8,885	9,713	8,777	90.3	936
Sampson	386	3,534	3,920	3,289	83.9	631
District Totals	**1,480**	**15,152**	**16,632**	**14,736**	**88.6**	**1,896**
District 5						
New Hanover	1,173	11,104	12,277	10,808	88.0	1,469
Pender	116	1,050	1,166	1,009	86.5	157
District Totals	**1,289**	**12,154**	**13,443**	**11,817**	**87.9**	**1,626**
District 6						
Bertie	70	958	1,028	972	94.5	56
Halifax	367	4,396	4,763	4,409	92.5	354
Hertford	163	1,666	1,829	1,618	88.4	211
Northampton	53	926	979	916	93.5	63
District Totals	**653**	**7,946**	**8,599**	**7,915**	**92.0**	**684**
District 7						
Edgecombe	553	4,551	5,104	4,569	89.5	535
Nash	775	5,448	6,223	5,437	87.3	786
Wilson	823	5,348	6,171	5,149	83.4	1,022
District Totals	**2,151**	**15,347**	**17,498**	**15,155**	**86.6**	**2,343**
District 8						
Greene	129	918	1,047	951	90.8	96
Lenoir	643	5,442	6,085	5,497	90.3	588
Wayne	813	6,845	7,658	6,803	88.8	855
District Totals	**1,585**	**13,205**	**14,790**	**13,251**	**89.5**	**1,539**
District 9						
Franklin	252	1,742	1,994	1,789	89.7	205
Granville	145	2,061	2,206	2,032	92.1	174
Person	193	1,564	1,757	1,512	86.0	245
Vance	388	3,297	3,685	3,441	93.3	244
Warren	144	889	1,033	756	73.1	277
District Totals	**1,122**	**9,553**	**10,675**	**9,530**	**89.2**	**1,145**

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	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Dispositions	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
District 10						
Wake	**3,178**	**26,318**	**29,496**	**25,035**	**84.8**	**4,461**
District 11						
Harnett	295	3,427	3,722	3,101	83.3	621
Johnston	500	4,792	5,292	4,509	85.2	783
Lee	271	3,955	4,226	3,838	90.8	388
District Totals	**1,066**	**12,174**	**13,240**	**11,448**	**86.4**	**1,792**
District 12						
Cumberland	3,161	27,224	30,385	26,745	88.0	3,640
Hoke	145	1,519	1,664	1,513	90.9	151
District Totals	**3,306**	**28,743**	**32,049**	**28,258**	**88.1**	**3,791**
District 13						
Bladen	262	2,606	2,868	2,482	86.5	386
Brunswick	279	2,377	2,656	2,342	88.1	314
Columbus	303	3,849	4,152	3,726	89.7	426
District Totals	**844**	**8,832**	**9,676**	**8,550**	**88.3**	**1,126**
District 14						
Durham	**1,357**	**13,321**	**14,678**	**12,313**	**83.8**	**2,365**
District 15A						
Alamance	**530**	**6,074**	**6,604**	**5,904**	**89.4**	**700**
District 15B						
Chatham	126	1,343	1,469	1,339	91.1	130
Orange	443	4,177	4,620	4,004	86.6	616
District Totals	**569**	**5,520**	**6,089**	**5,343**	**87.7**	**746**
District 16						
Robeson	1,184	9,186	10,370	9,002	86.8	1,368
Scotland	416	3,644	4,060	3,429	84.4	631
District Totals	**1,600**	**12,830**	**14,430**	**12,431**	**86.1**	**1,999**
District 17						
Caswell	118	984	1,102	946	85.8	156
Rockingham	532	5,485	6,017	5,381	89.4	636
Stokes	135	1,018	1,153	1,003	86.9	150
Surry	345	2,964	3,309	2,714	82.0	595
District Totals	**1,130**	**10,451**	**11,581**	**10,044**	**86.7**	**1,537**
District 18						
Guilford	**4,132**	**23,543**	**27,675**	**22,381**	**80.8**	**5,294**
District 19A						
Cabarrus	343	4,431	4,774	4,206	88.1	568
Rowan	448	4,214	4,662	3,944	84.5	718
District Totals	**791**	**8,645**	**9,436**	**8,150**	**86.3**	**1,286**
District 19B						
Montgomery	288	2,197	2,485	2,014	81.0	471
Randolph	307	3,833	4,140	3,772	91.1	368
District Totals	**595**	**6,030**	**6,625**	**5,786**	**87.3**	**839**

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District 20						
Anson	144	1,437	1,581	1,428	90.3	153
Moore	301	3,495	3,796	3,328	87.6	468
Richmond	283	2,911	3,194	2,822	88.3	372
Stanly	259	2,530	2,789	2,391	85.7	398
Union	389	4,151	4,540	4,101	90.3	439
District Totals	**1,376**	**14,524**	**15,900**	**14,070**	**88.4**	**1,830**
District 21						
Forsyth	**2,160**	**13,810**	**15,970**	**12,818**	**80.2**	**3,152**
District 22						
Alexander	124	1,082	1,206	1,023	84.8	183
Davidson	768	6,588	7,356	6,609	89.8	747
Davie	101	847	948	834	87.9	114
Iredell	622	5,568	6,190	5,302	85.6	888
District Totals	**1,615**	**14,085**	**15,700**	**13,768**	**87.6**	**1,932**
District 23						
Alleghany	44	344	388	355	91.4	33
Ashe	60	864	924	866	93.7	58
Wilkes	344	3,503	3,847	2,775	72.1	1,072
Yadkin	117	1,063	1,180	1,052	89.1	128
District Totals	**565**	**5,774**	**6,339**	**5,048**	**79.6**	**1,291**
District 24						
Avery	94	611	705	440	62.4	265
Madison	86	403	489	408	83.4	81
Mitchell	48	407	455	355	78.0	100
Watauga	114	1,225	1,339	1,107	82.6	232
Yancey	116	655	771	681	88.3	90
District Totals	**458**	**3,301**	**3,759**	**2,991**	**79.5**	**768**
District 25						
Burke	402	3,389	3,791	3,513	92.6	278
Caldwell	391	3,986	4,377	3,814	87.1	563
Catawba	556	6,624	7,180	6,560	91.3	620
District Totals	**1,349**	**13,999**	**15,348**	**13,887**	**90.4**	**1,461**
District 26						
Mecklenburg	**6,502**	**25,804**	**32,306**	**23,573**	**72.9**	**8,733**
District 27A						
Gaston	**1,433**	**12,469**	**13,902**	**12,301**	**88.4**	**1,601**
District 27B						
Cleveland	540	4,487	5,027	4,567	90.8	460
Lincoln	271	2,214	2,485	2,256	90.7	229
District Totals	**811**	**6,701**	**7,512**	**6,823**	**90.8**	**689**
District 28						
Buncombe	**1,077**	**11,463**	**12,540**	**11,463**	**91.4**	**1,077**
District 29						
Henderson	465	4,032	4,497	4,000	88.9	497
McDowell	250	1,554	1,804	1,436	79.6	368
Polk	99	538	637	496	77.8	141
Rutherford	315	2,871	3,186	2,794	87.6	392
Transylvania	125	832	957	823	85.9	134
District Totals	**1,254**	**9,827**	**11,081**	**9,549**	**86.1**	**1,532**

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District 30						
Cherokee	138	619	757	643	84.9	114
Clay	28	178	206	203	98.5	3
Graham	49	346	395	318	80.5	77
Haywood	763	2,574	3,337	2,599	77.8	738
Jackson	142	1,064	1,206	993	82.3	213
Macon	237	798	1,035	676	65.3	359
Swain	62	394	456	376	82.4	80
District Totals	**1,419**	**5,973**	**7,392**	**5,808**	**78.5**	**1,584**
State Totals	**50,049**	**402,900**	**452,949**	**388,897**	**85.8**	**64,052**

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

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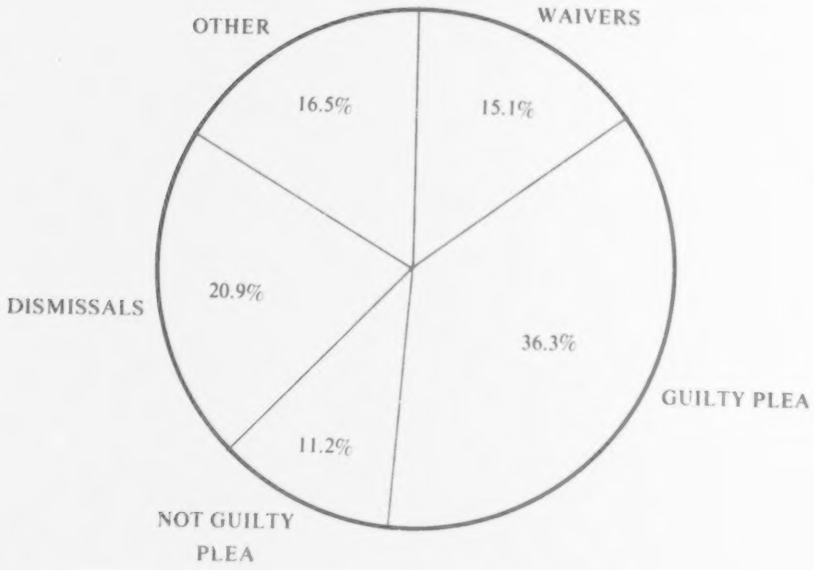

As with superior court criminal cases, more district court criminal cases are disposed of by guilty plea than by any other method. The waivers depicted here are in worthless check cases; dismissals include speedy trial and prosecutor dismissals (both with and without leave).

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Total Disposed	Magis-trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis-trate	Judge	Magis-trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal By D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 1												
Camden	115	0	0	29	29	23	0	15	5	0	14	.0
Chowan	971	114	36	264	71	111	0	99	73	0	203	15.4
Currituck	478	28	2	108	83	136	0	23	88	0	10	6.2
Dare	1,183	33	76	344	177	131	0	118	173	0	131	9.2
Gates	241	28	8	74	40	32	1	29	15	0	14	14.9
Pasquotank	1,848	97	134	697	115	449	0	131	168	0	57	12.5
Perquimans	331	13	0	71	32	78	0	44	50	0	43	3.9
District Totals	**5,167**	**313**	**256**	**1,587**	**547**	**960**	**1**	**459**	**572**	**0**	**472**	**11.0**
District 2												
Beaufort	2,537	496	61	842	129	504	0	210	150	0	145	21.9
Hyde	303	3	18	71	63	79	0	21	19	0	29	6.9
Martin	1,816	260	48	620	45	288	0	151	131	0	273	16.9
Tyrrell	163	11	4	30	18	35	0	10	25	0	30	9.2
Washington	620	83	29	173	20	157	0	89	42	0	27	18.0
District Totals	**5,439**	**853**	**160**	**1,736**	**275**	**1,063**	**0**	**481**	**367**	**0**	**504**	**18.6**
District 3												
Carteret	4,709	199	228	1,428	518	306	2	413	1,087	0	528	9.0
Craven	4,818	791	147	1,455	213	465	0	393	1,108	3	243	19.4
Pamlico	511	15	14	130	90	68	0	80	92	0	22	5.6
Pitt	8,107	1,374	923	2,563	217	792	0	613	1,407	0	218	28.3
District Totals	**18,145**	**2,379**	**1,312**	**5,576**	**1,038**	**1,631**	**2**	**1,499**	**3,694**	**3**	**1,011**	**20.3**
District 4												
Duplin	2,276	352	252	756	0	52	0	28	273	0	563	26.5
Jones	394	21	13	130	24	52	0	33	88	0	33	8.6
Onslow	8,777	913	430	3,269	233	478	0	18	1,704	0	1,732	15.3
Sampson	3,289	694	278	1,062	5	94	3	0	413	0	740	29.5
District Totals	**14,736**	**1,980**	**973**	**5,217**	**262**	**676**	**3**	**79**	**2,478**	**0**	**3,068**	**20.0**
District 5												
New Hanover	10,808	1,398	472	3,839	264	1,564	2	1,215	1,690	0	364	17.3
Pender	1,009	5	13	293	217	184	0	79	161	0	57	1.7
District Totals	**11,817**	**1,403**	**485**	**4,132**	**481**	**1,748**	**2**	**1,294**	**1,851**	**0**	**421**	**15.9**
District 6												
Bertie	972	50	71	266	63	194	5	123	139	0	61	12.4
Halifax	4,409	461	97	1,050	496	596	0	421	1,000	1	287	12.6
Hertford	1,618	394	31	376	65	239	7	144	200	0	162	26.2
Northampton	916	55	49	231	135	135	3	51	169	0	88	11.3
District Totals	**7,915**	**960**	**248**	**1,923**	**759**	**1,164**	**15**	**739**	**1,508**	**1**	**598**	**15.2**
District 7												
Edgecombe	4,569	743	363	1,400	254	563	0	204	837	0	205	24.2
Nash	5,437	1,231	450	1,518	215	517	0	309	938	7	252	30.9
Wilson	5,149	698	251	1,536	166	514	0	403	1,053	3	525	18.4
District Totals	**15,155**	**2,672**	**1,064**	**4,454**	**635**	**1,594**	**0**	**916**	**2,828**	**10**	**982**	**24.6**
District 8												
Greene	951	88	5	277	64	114	0	83	218	0	102	9.7
Lenoir	5,497	55	0	1,692	796	455	0	228	1,608	0	663	1.0
Wayne	6,803	498	752	1,758	224	517	2	200	2,235	0	617	18.3
District Totals	**13,251**	**641**	**757**	**3,727**	**1,084**	**1,086**	**2**	**511**	**4,061**	**0**	**1,382**	**10.5**

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District 9												
Franklin	1,789	368	60	433	79	257	0	200	294	0	98	23.9
Granville	2,032	333	222	595	126	278	0	140	255	0	83	27.3
Person	1,512	138	13	439	115	285	0	133	301	0	88	9.9
Vance	3,441	526	264	801	9	435	0	210	702	0	494	22.9
Warren	756	98	11	195	34	188	0	53	151	0	26	14.4
District Totals	**9,530**	**1,463**	**570**	**2,463**	**363**	**1,443**	**0**	**736**	**1,703**	**0**	**789**	**21.3**
District 10												
Wake	**25,035**	**503**	**5,576**	**7,915**	**970**	**1,871**	**2**	**1,572**	**5,632**	**0**	**994**	**24.2**
District 11												
Harnett	3,101	369	329	1,080	124	296	0	157	368	0	378	22.5
Johnston	4,509	729	571	1,372	153	452	0	220	672	0	340	28.8
Lee	3,838	1,014	94	1,315	48	406	0	201	487	0	273	28.8
District Totals	**11,448**	**2,112**	**994**	**3,767**	**325**	**1,154**	**0**	**578**	**1,527**	**0**	**991**	**27.1**
District 12												
Cumberland	26,745	297	5,061	6,256	307	1,793	0	45	5,709	0	7,277	20.0
Hoke	1,513	72	322	390	21	264	0	62	302	0	80	26.0
District Totals	**28,258**	**369**	**5,383**	**6,646**	**328**	**2,057**	**0**	**107**	**6,011**	**0**	**7,357**	**20.3**
District 13												
Bladen	2,482	158	179	875	348	185	6	74	563	0	94	13.5
Brunswick	2,342	216	19	732	207	307	0	127	624	0	110	10.0
Columbus	3,726	539	560	1,056	108	396	0	114	826	0	127	29.4
District Totals	**8,550**	**913**	**758**	**2,663**	**663**	**888**	**6**	**315**	**2,013**	**0**	**331**	**19.5**
District 14												
Durham	**12,313**	**561**	**1,318**	**5,162**	**1**	**903**	**0**	**585**	**2,737**	**0**	**1,046**	**15.2**
District 15A												
Alamance	**5,904**	**461**	**63**	**2,348**	**238**	**1,021**	**0**	**398**	**1,143**	**0**	**232**	**8.8**
District 15B												
Chatham	1,339	158	103	**333**	194	123	0	174	204	0	50	19.4
Orange	4,004	568	6	**1,227**	117	401	0	368	1,245	0	72	14.3
District Totals	**5,343**	**726**	**109**	**1,560**	**311**	**524**	**0**	**542**	**1,449**	**0**	**122**	**15.6**
District 16												
Robeson	9,002	1,455	103	3,515	42	818	0	870	353	0	1,846	17.3
Scotland	3,429	421	57	1,083	134	374	0	264	266	0	830	13.9
District Totals	**12,431**	**1,876**	**160**	**4,598**	**176**	**1,192**	**0**	**1,134**	**619**	**0**	**2,676**	**16.3**
District 17												
Caswell	946	61	7	232	98	237	3	140	108	0	60	7.1
Rockingham	5,381	641	79	1,593	161	932	0	258	830	0	887	13.3
Stokes	1,003	57	35	166	63	200	0	55	203	0	224	9.1
Surry	2,714	247	6	739	90	373	0	363	594	0	302	9.3
District Totals	**10,044**	**1,006**	**127**	**2,730**	**412**	**1,742**	**3**	**816**	**1,735**	**0**	**1,473**	**11.3**
District 18												
Guilford	**22,381**	**350**	**683**	**8,281**	**1,407**	**2,796**	**2**	**1,011**	**6,598**	**0**	**1,253**	**4.6**
District 19A												
Cabarrus	4,206	477	230	1,231	216	702	2	682	595	0	71	16.8
Rowan	3,944	214	145	1,129	243	771	0	675	556	0	211	9.1
District Totals	**8,150**	**691**	**375**	**2,360**	**459**	**1,473**	**2**	**1,357**	**1,151**	**0**	**282**	**13.0**

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District 19B												
Montgomery	2,014	288	0	305	417	298	0	161	530	0	15	14.2
Randolph	3,772	753	0	1,024	102	491	1	448	915	0	38	19.9
District Totals	**5,786**	**1,041**	**0**	**1,329**	**519**	**789**	**1**	**609**	**1,445**	**0**	**53**	**17.9**
District 20												
Anson	1,428	123	7	446	111	282	0	137	295	0	27	9.1
Moore	3,328	498	342	832	65	459	0	402	617	0	113	25.2
Richmond	2,822	318	83	733	107	474	0	448	603	0	56	14.2
Stanly	2,391	461	11	835	192	110	0	358	367	0	57	19.7
Union	4,101	732	15	1,050	83	711	1	611	783	0	115	18.2
District Totals	**14,070**	**2,132**	**458**	**3,896**	**558**	**2,036**	**1**	**1,956**	**2,665**	**0**	**368**	**18.4**
District 21												
Forsyth	**12,818**	**2**	**1,858**	**3,838**	**104**	**2,765**	**0**	**1,380**	**1,909**	**0**	**962**	**14.5**
District 22												
Alexander	1,023	43	10	239	178	141	0	52	273	0	87	5.1
Davidson	6,609	219	239	2,177	260	1,032	0	321	2,054	0	307	6.9
Davie	834	77	2	215	33	92	0	116	228	0	71	9.4
Iredell	5,302	587	26	1,776	305	637	0	391	1,465	0	115	11.5
District Totals	**13,768**	**926**	**277**	**4,407**	**776**	**1,902**	**0**	**880**	**4,020**	**0**	**580**	**8.7**
District 23												
Alleghany	355	35	10	119	17	74	0	12	53	0	35	12.6
Ashe	866	35	115	288	52	185	0	36	9	0	146	17.3
Wilkes	2,775	352	115	802	105	614	3	179	357	0	248	16.8
Yadkin	1,052	101	26	288	38	270	0	140	72	0	117	12.0
District Totals	**5,048**	**523**	**266**	**1,497**	**212**	**1,143**	**3**	**367**	**491**	**0**	546	15.6
District 24												
Avery	440	94	12	74	29	45	15	38	96	0	37	24.0
Madison	408	1	0	49	7	70	0	28	154	3	96	.2
Mitchell	355	25	10	77	12	58	0	30	108	0	35	9.8
Watauga	1,107	94	34	256	90	107	14	61	325	0	126	11.5
Yancey	681	14	1	81	286	103	1	39	148	0	8	2.2
District Totals	**2,991**	**228**	**57**	**537**	**424**	**383**	**30**	**196**	**831**	**3**	**302**	**9.5**
District 25												
Burke	3,513	299	139	877	122	290	0	391	1,101	0	294	12.4
Caldwell	3,814	238	1	1,260	306	316	13	137	1,169	1	373	6.2
Catawba	6,560	728	166	2,086	258	489	0	557	1,170	0	1,106	13.6
District Totals	**13,887**	**1,265**	**306**	**4,223**	**686**	**1,095**	**13**	**1,085**	**3,440**	**1**	**1,773**	**11.3**
District 26												
Mecklenburg	**23,573**	**1,035**	**2**	**6,706**	**3,183**	**2,457**	**3**	**1,844**	**6,976**	**2**	**1,365**	**4.3**
District 27A												
Gaston	**12,301**	**957**	**0**	**3,688**	**573**	**1,362**	**0**	**89**	**3,387**	**0**	**2,245**	**7.7**
District 27B												
Cleveland	4,567	465	28	1,635	154	354	0	408	1,192	0	331	10.7
Lincoln	2,256	224	104	668	116	270	0	143	549	0	182	14.5
District Totals	**6,823**	**689**	**132**	**2,303**	**270**	**624**	**0**	**551**	**1,741**	**0**	**513**	**12.0**
District 28												
Buncombe	**11,463**	**1,510**	**569**	**5,116**	**79**	**711**	**0**	**823**	**1,160**	**0**	**1,495**	**18.1**

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

		Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea						
	Total Disposed	Magistrate	Clerk	Judge	Magistrate	Judge	Magistrate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal By D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 29												
Henderson	4,000	8	26	1,204	976	162	0	144	607	0	873	.8
McDowell	1,436	108	14	499	204	100	0	123	339	0	49	8.4
Polk	496	5	5	140	34	60	0	25	151	0	76	2.0
Rutherford	2,794	101	4	848	578	415	1	133	468	0	246	3.7
Transylvania	823	45	24	204	189	47	0	51	197	0	66	8.3
District Totals	**9,549**	**267**	**73**	**2,895**	**1,981**	**784**	**1**	**476**	**1,762**	**0**	**1,310**	**3.5**
District 30												
Cherokee	643	12	43	173	0	10	0	62	260	0	83	8.5
Clay	203	0	13	34	50	16	0	33	48	0	9	6.4
Graham	318	5	2	58	119	4	1	6	89	0	34	2.2
Haywood	2,599	186	24	879	49	119	1	292	1,011	0	38	8.0
Jackson	993	35	62	162	69	29	0	21	217	0	398	9.7
Macon	676	37	14	99	127	25	0	90	169	0	115	7.5
Swain	376	23	0	74	90	33	1	17	89	0	49	6.1
District Totals	**5,808**	**298**	**158**	**1,479**	**504**	**236**	**3**	**521**	**1,883**	**0**	**726**	**7.8**
State Totals	**388,897**	**33,105**	**25,527**	**120,759**	**20,603**	**43,273**	**95**	**25,906**	**81,387**	**20**	**38,222**	**15.0**

AGES OF CRIMINAL NON—MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	**Mean Age**	**Median Age**	**0-60**	**61-120**	**121-180**	**181-365**	**> 365**	**Total Disposed**	**Mean Age**	**Median Age**	**0-60**	**61-120**	**121-180**	**181-365**	**> 365**
District 1																
Camden	8	10.4	5.0	8	0	0	0	0	115	25.8	23.0	104	9	1	1	0
Chowan	76	170.4	58.5	39	6	10	6	15	971	18.0	12.0	921	37	12	0	1
Currituck	48	27.0	21.0	40	8	0	0	0	478	26.3	16.0	433	31	4	10	0
Dare	183	169.9	43.0	97	15	9	28	34	1,183	24.1	15.0	1,106	54	9	9	5
Gates	28	30.7	35.0	25	3	0	0	0	241	21.2	14.0	225	16	0	0	0
Pasquotank	123	47.9	15.0	100	14	0	8	1	1,848	24.2	17.0	1,766	59	15	6	2
Perquimans	44	194.1	56.0	27	0	6	5	6	331	23.3	15.0	305	25	0	1	0
District Totals	**510**	**119.0**	**29.0**	**336**	**46**	**25**	**47**	**56**	**5,167**	**23.0**	**15.0**	**4,860**	**231**	**41**	**27**	**8**
District 2																
Beaufort	193	365.6	145.0	83	12	5	42	51	2,537	16.8	6.0	2,457	45	11	5	19
Hyde	11	32.6	13.0	10	0	1	0	0	303	21.2	11.0	291	7	1	1	3
Martin	134	78.4	18.0	100	20	2	7	5	1,816	22.0	7.0	1,709	71	6	14	16
Tyrrell	30	29.6	24.5	26	4	0	0	0	163	25.0	14.0	152	6	3	1	1
Washington	17	73.2	12.0	10	1	2	4	0	620	15.0	9.0	602	9	7	2	0
District Totals	**385**	**217.0**	**33.0**	**229**	**37**	**10**	**53**	**56**	**5,439**	**18.8**	**7.0**	**5,211**	**138**	**28**	**23**	**39**
District 3																
Carteret	965	145.1	88.0	385	161	101	219	99	4,709	40.6	20.0	3,849	549	156	140	15
Craven	568	139.5	290.0	382	81	31	30	44	4,818	36.2	18.0	4,136	447	118	82	35
Pamlico	44	41.5	24.5	37	3	0	4	0	511	21.9	11.0	479	21	8	2	1
Pitt	761	95.6	22.0	559	103	24	29	46	8,107	35.7	18.0	7,182	570	159	125	71
District Totals	**2,338**	**125.7**	**39.0**	**1,363**	**348**	**156**	**282**	**189**	**18,145**	**36.7**	**18.0**	**15,646**	**1,587**	**441**	**349**	**122**
District 4																
Duplin	302	89.2	69.0	144	91	43	10	14	2,276	32.3	16.0	1,974	215	31	36	20
Jones	27	28.9	15.0	24	3	0	0	0	394	27.7	17.0	359	24	8	3	0
Onslow	936	39.3	22.0	757	126	28	20	5	8,777	33.1	22.0	7,520	906	225	122	4
Sampson	631	104.6	43.0	352	129	33	73	44	3,289	36.6	27.0	2,746	446	69	24	4
District Totals	**1,896**	**68.8**	**29.0**	**1,277**	**349**	**104**	**103**	**63**	**14,736**	**33.6**	**22.0**	**12,599**	**1,591**	**333**	**185**	28
District 5																
New Hanover	1,469	103.9	41.0	865	272	94	149	89	10,808	30.0	15.0	9,677	704	179	186	62
Pender	157	314.2	53.0	79	11	10	13	44	1,009	22.9	9.0	931	56	7	12	3
District Totals	**1,626**	**124.2**	**41.0**	**944**	**283**	**104**	**162**	**133**	**11,817**	**29.4**	**15.0**	**10,608**	**760**	**186**	**198**	**65**
District 6																
Bertie	56	29.2	12.5	44	10	2	0	0	972	23.2	14.0	911	43	4	10	4
Halifax	354	43.4	22.0	273	53	12	16	0	4,409	31.7	21.0	3,746	537	86	37	3
Hertford	211	135.9	61.0	105	32	18	40	16	1,618	24.5	13.0	1,454	131	17	12	4
Northampton	63	51.7	22.0	47	7	5	4	0	916	21.0	10.0	844	58	9	4	1
District Totals	**684**	**71.5**	**32.0**	**469**	**102**	**37**	**60**	**16**	**7,915**	**27.9**	**15.0**	**6,955**	**769**	**116**	**63**	**12**

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	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 7																
Edgecombe	535	75.1	35.0	348	96	48	14	29	4,569	38.9	20.0	3,682	556	206	110	15
Nash	786	134.9	41.0	471	108	52	71	84	5,437	46.8	21.0	4,227	711	256	191	52
Wilson	1,022	159.1	51.5	528	186	89	103	116	5,149	43.6	21.0	3,927	780	234	189	19
District Totals	**2,343**	**131.8**	**43.0**	**1,347**	**390**	**189**	**188**	**229**	**15,155**	**43.3**	**21.0**	**11,836**	**2,047**	**696**	**490**	**86**
District 8																
Green	96	38.9	33.0	77	17	0	2	0	951	33.7	18.0	795	104	38	12	2
Lenoir	588	47.4	29.0	433	95	43	14	2	5,497	40.6	22.0	4,396	745	197	128	31
Wayne	855	54.8	33.0	590	171	56	30	8	6,803	43.3	24.0	5,431	874	242	204	52
District Totals	**1,539**	**51.0**	**32.0**	**1,100**	**284**	**99**	**46**	**10**	**13,251**	**41.5**	**23.0**	**10,622**	**1,723**	**477**	**344**	**85**
District 9																
Franklin	205	314.1	34.0	113	9	6	10	67	1,789	39.9	17.0	1,543	132	44	37	33
Granville	174	170.9	30.5	121	23	9	4	17	2,032	27.7	14.0	1,860	109	30	22	11
Person	245	118.6	27.0	152	24	6	44	19	1,512	27.7	15.0	1,308	167	25	10	2
Vance	244	120.2	35.0	146	25	12	36	25	3,441	34.1	15.0	3,043	238	64	58	38
Warren	277	302.3	192.0	87	37	13	50	90	756	27.3	11.0	690	45	6	10	5
District Totals	**1,145**	**206.3**	**48.0**	**619**	**118**	**46**	**144**	**218**	**9.530**	**32.3**	**14.0**	**8,444**	**691**	**169**	**137**	**89**
District 10																
Wake	**4,461**	**114.9**	**43.0**	**2,586**	**865**	**349**	**387**	**274**	**25,035**	**47.4**	**27.0**	**19,520**	**3,333**	**988**	**1,060**	**134**
District 11																
Harnett	621	128.6	85.0	272	127	62	106	54	3,101	27.5	16.0	2,778	227	51	43	2
Johnston	783	146.9	76.0	339	131	49	192	72	4,509	34.2	16.0	3,858	349	163	132	7
Lee	388	88.9	35.0	246	67	26	24	25	3,838	27.1	14.0	3,466	279	53	24	16
District Totals	**1,792**	**128.0**	**64.0**	**857**	**325**	**137**	**322**	**151**	**11,448**	**30.0**	**16.0**	**10,102**	**855**	**267**	**199**	**25**
District 12																
Cumberland	3,640	64.3	40.0	2,267	872	311	134	56	26,745	41.9	24.0	20,479	3,877	1,585	772	32
Hoke	151	51.8	27.0	109	24	10	8	0	1,513	36.9	23.0	1,257	173	45	38	0
District Totals	**3,791**	**63.8**	**39.0**	**2,376**	**896**	**321**	**142**	**56**	**28,258**	**41.6**	**24.0**	**21,736**	**4,050**	**1,630**	**810**	**32**
District 13																
Bladen	386	145.9	35.0	243	42	12	42	47	2,482	34.7	22.0	2,120	266	53	32	11
Brunswick	314	113.5	50.5	166	38	34	52	24	2,342	38.3	25.0	1,873	346	81	37	5
Columbus	426	73.1	34.0	277	86	28	15	20	3,726	31.4	21.0	3,186	422	82	35	1
District Totals	**1,126**	**109.3**	**40.0**	**686**	**166**	**74**	**109**	**91**	**8,550**	**34.2**	**22.0**	**7,179**	**1,034**	**215**	**104**	**17**
District 14																
Durham	**2,365**	**122.1**	**49.0**	**1,337**	**416**	**169**	**211**	**232**	**12,313**	**36.9**	**21.0**	**9,990**	**1,686**	**398**	**218**	**21**

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District 15A																
Alamance	**700**	**84.0**	**26.0**	**507**	**60**	**39**	**48**	**46**	**5,904**	**26.8**	**18.0**	**5,466**	**323**	**59**	**49**	**7**
District 15B																
Chatham	130	45.3	22.0	97	22	5	5	1	1,339	26.6	16.0	1,240	58	29	8	4
Orange	616	105.5	42.0	366	84	36	90	40	4,004	42.7	25.0	3,182	608	118	87	9
District Totals	**746**	**95.0**	**34.0**	**463**	**106**	**41**	**95**	**41**	**5,343**	**38.7**	**23.0**	**4,422**	**666**	**147**	**95**	**13**
District 16																
Robeson	1,368	92.4	46.0	770	317	83	124	74	9,002	41.4	22.0	6,935	1,522	432	107	6
Scotland	631	159.5	84.0	278	80	64	121	88	3,429	38.0	21.0	2,899	351	92	65	22
District Totals	**1,999**	**113.6**	**55.0**	**1,048**	**397**	**147**	**245**	**162**	**12,431**	**40.5**	**22.0**	**9,834**	**1,873**	**524**	**172**	**28**
District 17																
Caswell	156	131.2	68.0	73	17	10	52	4	946	35.4	16.0	819	83	10	28	6
Rockingham	636	125.6	34.0	397	70	34	80	55	5,381	35.1	18.0	4,643	523	101	83	31
Stokes	150	215.6	67.5	69	15	12	26	28	1,003	36.1	23.0	836	125	34	7	1
Surry	595	104.3	47.0	332	115	38	67	43	2,714	46.0	26.0	2,212	320	146	30	6
District Totals	**1,537**	**126.7**	**43.0**	**871**	**217**	**94**	**225**	**130**	**10,044**	**36.6**	**21.0**	**8,510**	**1,051**	**291**	**148**	**44**
District 18																
Guilford	**5,294**	**146.8**	**76.0**	**2,420**	**871**	**595**	**911**	**497**	**22,381**	**65.3**	**33.0**	**16,044**	**3,715**	**921**	**916**	**785**
District 19A																
Cabarrus	568	94.6	35.0	357	66	54	60	31	4,206	26.1	18.0	3,897	226	54	24	5
Rowan	718	190.3	92.0	297	124	86	83	128	3,944	30.8	19.0	3,597	227	48	41	31
District Totals	**1,286**	**148.0**	**57.0**	**654**	**190**	**140**	**143**	**159**	**8,150**	**28.4**	**18.0**	**7,494**	**453**	**102**	**65**	**36**
District 19B																
Montgomery	471	162.8	85.0	210	63	39	100	59	2,014	29.9	19.0	1,732	229	37	15	1
Randolph	368	41.5	21.0	310	37	7	7	7	3,772	31.6	22.0	3,278	398	65	29	2
District Totals	**839**	**109.6**	**41.0**	**520**	**100**	**46**	**107**	**66**	**5,786**	**31.0**	**21.0**	**5,010**	**627**	**102**	**44**	**3**
District 20																
Anson	153	55.7	21.0	134	12	2	1	4	1,428	36.2	23.0	1,252	126	21	23	6
Moore	468	111.4	28.0	311	52	29	27	49	3,328	30.9	14.0	3,004	187	44	62	31
Richmond	372	210.2	72.0	177	109	8	13	65	2,822	37.9	15.0	2,535	146	40	58	43
Stanly	398	131.9	63.0	196	57	26	84	35	2,391	24.6	14.0	2,232	106	21	24	8
Union	439	167.2	43.0	249	41	27	43	79	4,101	24.6	14.0	3,892	121	28	47	13
District Totals	**1,830**	**144.7**	**41.5**	**1,067**	**271**	**92**	**168**	**232**	**14,070**	**29.9**	**15.0**	**12.915**	**686**	**154**	**214**	**101**

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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 21																
Forsyth	**3,152**	**325.5**	**177.0**	**974**	**339**	**279**	**495**	**1,065**	**12,818**	**30.3**	**17.0**	**11,833**	**608**	**142**	**151**	**84**
District 22																
Alexander	183	64.7	29.0	134	21	10	12	6	1,023	32.3	20.0	906	76	22	15	4
Davidson	747	57.9	29.0	544	131	22	42	8	6,609	41.4	25.0	5,261	966	260	102	20
Davie	114	205.9	132.0	38	17	6	38	15	834	42.7	27.0	661	114	40	17	2
Iredell	888	71.3	27.0	624	114	50	69	31	5,302	35.7	22.0	4,528	524	139	95	16
District Totals	**1,932**	**73.4**	**29.0**	**1,340**	**283**	**88**	**161**	**60**	**13,768**	**38.6**	**23.0**	**11,356**	**1,680**	**461**	**229**	**42**
District 23																
Alleghany	33	101.0	35.0	18	2	2	11	0	355	38.7	18.0	314	30	3	1	7
Ashe	58	151.5	83.0	24	6	8	14	6	866	22.7	14.0	817	34	4	10	1
Wilkes	1,072	180.8	123.0	268	212	205	222	165	2,775	24.8	14.0	2,557	178	16	12	12
Yadkin	128	127.9	53.5	67	18	8	27	8	1,052	28.3	15.0	933	92	10	11	6
District Totals	**1,291**	**172.2**	**123.0**	**377**	**238**	**223**	**274**	**179**	**5,048**	**26.1**	**14.0**	**4,621**	**334**	**33**	**34**	**26**
District 24																
Avery	265	186.6	145.0	60	42	61	76	26	440	39.6	22.0	357	62	13	6	2
Madison	81	133.1	33.0	52	7	5	11	6	408	80.2	35.0	262	72	34	24	16
Mitchell	100	222.2	194.0	17	16	16	34	17	355	39.6	27.0	307	21	13	14	0
Watauga	232	161.3	79.5	109	19	30	46	28	1,107	38.7	21.0	952	96	19	30	10
Yancey	90	108.6	67.5	42	17	12	17	2	681	38.8	20.0	606	37	8	13	17
District Totals	**768**	**168.8**	**123.0**	**280**	**101**	**124**	**184**	**79**	**2,991**	**44.6**	**23.0**	**2,484**	**288**	**87**	**87**	**45**
District 25																
Burke	278	85.6	26.0	192	34	7	27	18	3,513	33.9	16.0	3,093	281	58	40	41
Caldwell	563	99.7	28.0	347	71	27	74	44	3,814	36.5	23.0	3,292	341	90	77	14
Catawba	620	63.8	22.0	448	57	18	90	7	6,560	33.4	18.0	5,674	539	150	181	16
District Totals	**1,461**	**71.8**	**26.0**	**987**	**162**	**52**	**191**	**69**	**13,887**	**34.4**	**19.0**	**12,059**	**1,161**	**298**	**298**	**71**
District 26																
Mecklenburg	**8,733**	**507.2**	**238.0**	**2,763**	**789**	**474**	**1,202**	**3,505**	**23,573**	**46.0**	**28.0**	**19,498**	**2,998**	**484**	**338**	**255**
District 27A																
Gaston	**1,601**	**71.5**	**29.0**	**1,133**	**256**	**67**	**104**	**41**	**12,301**	**42.0**	**25.0**	**10,118**	**1,504**	**314**	**271**	**94**
District 27B																
Cleveland	460	65.1	33.0	37	43	11	40	9	4,567	36.8	23.0	3,807	570	112	61	17
Lincoln	229	89.5	28.0	163	16	12	23	15	2,256	35.4	22.0	2,055	119	31	31	20
District Totals	**689**	**73.2**	**32.0**	**520**	**59**	**23**	**63**	**24**	**6,823**	**36.3**	**23.0**	**5,862**	**689**	**143**	**92**	**37**
District 28																
Buncombe	**1,077**	**63.0**	**25.0**	**758**	**121**	**87**	**100**	**11**	**11,463**	**34.7**	**18.0**	**10,281**	**563**	**190**	**350**	**79**

AGES OF CRIMINAL NON—MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 29																
Henderson	497	78.5	35.0	320	76	57	32	12	4,000	51.8	27.0	3,136	511	150	140	63
McDowell	368	167.3	105.0	160	35	48	85	40	1,436	45.5	21.0	1,214	129	38	25	30
Polk	141	96.9	50.0	75	39	6	14	7	496	46.3	23.0	379	85	8	18	6
Rutherford	392	195 9	50.0	209	35	26	31	91	2,794	31.0	16.0	2,517	191	37	33	16
Transylvania	134	93.2	43.0	81	20	11	13	9	823	43.1	19.0	658	99	40	17	9
District Totals	**1,532**	**132.8**	**48.0**	**845**	**205**	**148**	**175**	**159**	**9,549**	**43.7**	**21.0**	**7,904**	**1,015**	**273**	**233**	**124**
District 30																
Cherokee	114	83.9	46.0	63	23	16	7	5	643	60.0	34.0	457	105	39	36	6
Clay	3	89.7	15.0	2	0	0	1	0	203	36.2	16.0	186	5	3	7	2
Graham	77	157.9	76.0	35	12	3	16	11	318	33.2	25.0	287	21	3	6	1
Haywood	738	273.1	189.0	188	108	52	214	176	2,599	90.8	25.0	1,938	197	98	166	200
Jackson	213	145.0	96.0	84	31	31	49	18	993	34.3	13.0	836	84	32	34	7
Macon	359	494.7	333.0	80	51	7	56	165	676	34.4	18.0	590	64	7	8	7
Swain	80	127.3	106.5	28	27	10	9	6	376	43.0	25.5	307	39	6	24	0
District Totals	**1,584**	**279.2**	**152.0**	**480**	**252**	**119**	**352**	**381**	**5,808**	**63.0**	**23.0**	**4,601**	**515**	**188**	**281**	**223**
State Totals	**64,052**	**182.1**	**54.0**	**33,533**	**9,642**	**4,698**	**7,499**	**8,680**	**388,897**	**38.9**	**21.0**	**325,620**	**41,244**	**10,899**	**8,274**	**2,860**

RANKINGS FOR THE 33 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT OF TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED OF

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

		Superior Court					District Court	
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
Judicial Division	Judicial District		Felonies	Misdemeanors				
I	1	22	17	13	27	19	15	4
	2	7	19	20	17	33	17	1
	3	11	2	2	10	5	31	11
	4	30	8	6	14	28	28	10
	5	13	11	8	25	11	4	16
	6	6	20	29	15	31	5	2
	7	10	14	7	12	29	21	21
	8	9	5	10	9	9	22	7
II	9	15	28	32	18	23	24	9
	10	6	30	19	29	24	20	26
	11	21	16	23	19	25	29	22
	12	17	26	12	4	4	23	15
	13	18	24	24	1	16	7	14
	14	12	23	31	22	3	18	27
	15A	26	13	16	6	12	1	8
	15B	8	10	17	30	21	33	17
	16	27	4	21	3	17	11	25
III	17	4	12	11	20	27	14	20
	18	33	18	4	21	6	10	28
	19A	24	21	25	16	8	19	23
	19B	20	33	27	5	7	2	19
	20	28	7	9	33	32	30	12
	21	5	6	18	11	1	8	29
	22	3	15	15	7	10	9	18
	23	19	29	33	8	14	6	30
IV	24	1	25	30	28	13	12	31
	25	23	31	22	26	15	25	6
	26	29	22	14	13	22	32	33
	27A	32	1	5	31	20	16	13
	27B	2	3	3	2	2	3	5
	28	14	9	1	23	18	13	3
	29	31	32	26	24	26	26	24
	30	25	27	30	32	30	27	32

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT OF TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED OF

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

		Superior Court					District Court	
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal
District	County		Felonies	Misdemeanors				
1	Camden	100	82	57	8	69	63	9
	Chowan	69	7	42	90	92	65	13
	Currituck	80	57	31	69	22	42	26
	Dare	58	68	83	100	74	50	62
	Gates	57	92	58	1	7	70	38
	Pasquotank	35	34	3	26	55	32	6
	Perquimans	89	47	61	82	30	11	50
2	Beaufort	11	51	26	54	98	62	12
	Hyde	88	50	91	6	66	16	3
	Martin	64	43	84	50	83	57	11
	Tyrrell	97	99	56	19	14	81	77
	Washington	5	21	16	59	45	7	2
3	Carteret	27	13	36	40	37	90	83
	Craven	26	20	1	53	25	77	40
	Pamlico	13	58	25	76	79	80	17
	Pitt	49	25	21	23	5	92	20
4	Duplin	96	11	32	55	100	97	49
	Jones	29	1	7	12	86	61	7
	Onslow	79	33	5	36	29	71	32
	Sampson	56	44	23	39	43	89	78
5	New Hanover	32	39	12	78	32	17	54
	Pender	76	4	65	38	49	23	65
6	Bertie	75	97	89	29	72	19	4
	Halifax	37	37	74	67	84	2	15
	Hertford	46	19	13	58	81	82	46
	Northampton	41	67	99	10	40	4	8
7	Edgecombe	30	16	2	21	63	75	37
	Nash	39	30	37	45	91	78	58
	Wilson	28	61	24	62	61	29	81
8	Greene	14	52	51	4	75	3	27
	Lenoir	12	41	35	5	44	20	31
	Wayne	52	15	29	66	18	85	34
9	Franklin	86	60	95	75	67	67	36
	Granville	34	79	81	11	9	13	16
	Person	48	38	92	80	90	72	66
	Vance	16	90	82	27	52	35	10
	Warren	23	95	34	71	89	99	96
10	Wake	22	81	52	84	60	49	74
11	Harnett	45	76	90	44	87	87	82
	Johnston	63	3	19	34	11	74	71
	Lee	77	73	75	86	93	91	28
12	Cumberland	53	74	28	18	12	66	53
	Hoke	54	56	63	57	38	21	24
13	Bladen	10	36	59	7	3	5	64
	Brunswick	85	86	50	2	16	51	51
	Columbus	44	66	69	46	95	30	35
14	Durham	38	64	87	63	15	46	79
15A	Alamance	71	35	85	24	35	9	39
15B	Chatham	9	71	27	68	77	44	22
	Orange	42	24	33	91	50	100	63
16	Robeson	67	23	77	9	42	40	61
	Scotland	90	32	17	51	71	25	76

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT OF TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED OF

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

		Superior Court					District Court	
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal
District	County		Felonies	Misdemeanors				
17	Caswell	82	5	20	52	88	69	68
	Rockingham	21	40	55	32	85	26	41
	Stokes	33	9	46	42	34	45	60
	Surry	7	54	10	85	28	53	87
18	Guilford	94	46	11	56	24	36	89
19A	Cabarrus	73	55	71	49	36	59	52
	Rowan	68	59	67	47	23	37	75
19B	Montgomery	15	70	79	65	26	22	88
	Randolph	60	96	73	15	31	6	23
20	Anson	99	26	39	95	97	54	30
	Moore	72	80	45	83	27	58	56
	Richmond	81	6	22	92	99	98	47
	Stanly	83	42	54	98	73	48	69
	Union	50	12	8	70	64	86	33
21	Forsyth	17	27	48	35	1	31	91
22	Alexander	24	2	6	28	41	68	73
	Davidson	19	22	47	30	51	24	34
	Davie	40	87	38	20	48	18	55
	Iredell	8	53	53	25	4	34	70
23	Alleghany	1	17	60	16	8	10	18
	Ashe	31	88	72	3	6	41	5
	Wilkes	62	93	100	48	78	28	98
	Yadkin	65	48	62	61	20	15	42
24	Avery	4	45	86	33	39	60	100
	Madison	2	75	70	81	47	83	80
	Mitchell	3	84	44	99	62	39	93
	Watauga	18	72	80	73	46	8	84
	Yancey	59	69	94	13	57	64	48
25	Burke	87	77	30	77	13	73	14
	Caldwell	55	65	40	72	76	76	59
	Catawba	61	83	78	74	54	56	21
26	Mecklenburg	74	63	41	41	58	96	97
27A	Gaston	84	14	15	88	56	43	45
27B	Cleveland	20	28	9	14	2	12	25
	Lincoln	6	8	18	17	19	27	29
28	Buncombe	43	31	4	64	53	38	19
29	Henderson	91	89	68	37	17	88	43
	McDowell	78	100	76	87	82	52	92
	Polk	36	29	88	60	10	84	95
	Rutherford	93	78	64	43	65	14	57
	Transylvania	47	98	93	94	94	93	67

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT OF TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED OF

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

		Superior Court					District Court	
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal
District	County		Felonies	Misdemeanors				
30	Cherokee	25	85	14	96	33	33	72
	Clay	98	10	43	22	21	1	1
	Graham	92	18	97	31	70	47	90
	Haywood	66	91	66	79	80	55	94
	Jackson	95	62	96	93	59	94	86
	Macon	51	49	98	89	96	95	99
	Swain	70	94	49	97	68	79	85